

## Errors Of Mormonism

'If he who comes, preaches another Jesus whom we did not preach, or if you receive a different spirit which you did not receive from us, or a different gospel which you did not accept, ... such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Jesus. And no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of Light. It is no great thing therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works' (2 Corinthians 11:4, 13 to 15).

'There is not another gospel. Only there are some who want to pervert the Gospel of Jesus. If we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you any gospel other than that which we preached to you, let him be cursed. As we have said before, so I now say again; if any man preaches to you any gospel other than that which you received (from the Word of God), let him be cursed' (Galatians 1:7 to 9).

'I (Jesus) testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book (the Bible), if anyone adds to them, may God add to him the plagues which are written in this book. If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, may God take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book' (Revelation 22:18 & 19).

The Mormons have a 'Mormon Jesus' who is not in any way connected to our Saviour, so they do preach 'another Jesus'. They preach a different gospel from the true Gospel of the Kingdom. They have added to the Bible by having their own book of teaching called the book of Mormon. They call themselves 'The church of Jesus Christ of latter day saints'. They most certainly are not saintly people. Joseph Smith Junior, who was a very poor farmer and a dedicated freemason, founded this erroneous church in the United States in 1830. Smith and three others started what they claimed to be a 'priesthood' with satanic, freemasonry rituals. Sadly, this cult has spread to many other countries via their 'missionaries'. Smith claimed to have been visited by an angel named Moroni, from where they get their disturbing book of Mormon. The so-called angel would most certainly have been a satanic being because it preached a false gospel. It was masquerading as an angel of Light and brought only deception. At one time this communistic, evil religion was also called the United Order of Enoch.

Polygamy was already illegal when Smith had other 'wives' kept in secret and he secretly taught about polygamy which is against scripture. He also participated in the illegal trade of confiscating land. Although Smith forbade all tea, coffee, smoking and alcohol, he himself would sometimes drink alcohol. Smith may have had as many as 50 wives, but he publicly acknowledged only his first wife Emma Hale who bore him nine children. As an overseer, he should have had only one wife and been above reproach. 'The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife ...' (1 Timothy 3:2). Let servants of God be husbands of one wife ...' (1 Timothy 3:12). 'An elder is blameless if he is the husband of one wife ...' (Titus 1:6).

After Smith was murdered in 1844, some of the cult decided to follow Brigham Young who dominated his people, deciding where they should live. They settled in Utah during 1846-7. Young had 20 wives and 47 children. He instituted polygyny in 1852, continuing to defy federal authorities. That is opposite to the scriptures that teach us to obey the authorities. 'He who resists the authority, disobeys the ordinance of God, and those who disobey will receive to themselves God's judgment' (Romans 13:2).

Men involved in this evil religion began to murder non-Mormons as travellers tried to leave Utah and head for California. Thousands of innocent people were massacred by the Mormons. After that episode, Mormon political rule ceased in Utah and polygyny was reluctantly, officially relinquished by the church. After the massacre many people rejected Young in favour of following Joseph Smith's first wife Emma Hale and her eleven-year-old son Joseph Smith III. They called their cult the Reorganised church of Jesus Christ of latter day saints. A number of splinter groups started up around the 1850's. Joseph Smith's brother Hyrum was murdered on the same day as Joseph was. Hyrum had a son whom he named Joseph Hyrum Smith. Joseph Hyrum had six wives but when polygyny officially ceased in 1890, he was forced to give up five of his wives, then he declared publicly, the Mormon church no longer accepted the practice of plural marriages, although to this day it still continues by lustful men who refuse to be satisfied with one wife.

The Mormons accept only parts of the Bible, as long as it agrees with their theology. The teachings from the Word of God is all inspired by God and is written down for us but false teachers distort the scriptures and teach a false gospel. 'Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Remain in the knowledge you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from Whom you have learned them. You have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through

faith, which is in Jesus. Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and for instruction in righteousness, so that the person of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work God has for them' (2 Timothy 3:13 to 17).

We will look at some verses in the Bible so we can see the stark differences between the true salvation message written in the Word of God, compared to the false teachings of this dreadful cult.

**Truth:** God is not flesh and blood, He is Spirit. 'God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and Truth' (John 4:24). There is only one God. 'I am God and there is none else' (Isaiah 45:22). God is the eternal Creator, Sustainer and Ruler of the universe. 'Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, does not sleep. He is not weary. His understanding is unsearchable' (Isaiah 40:28). 'He is before all things, and in Him all things are held together' (Colossians 1:17).

**False teaching:** Mormons believe there are many gods and God is an exalted man who was once just a human and became God by self exaltation. They say that since God evolved from being a man, then all humans can evolve into gods. They say God had a God and Father before Him and He also had a similar God and Father. All of them were once mere men and were exalted to be gods by obeying laws of righteousness. They say Man was in the beginning with God as a pre-existing spirit, and that they become humans at physical birth, then pass through a period of probation on earth and advance to angels then on to gods depending on their degree of achievement. They say, as man is, so God was. As God is, man may become.

**Truth:** God exists in a triune Godhead of Father, Son and Holy Spirit – co-equal, co-eternal and self-existent. 'Jesus is the image of the invisible God ... By Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through Him, and for Him' (Colossians 1:15 & 16). 'We are looking for the Blessed Hope and appearing of the glory of our Great God and Saviour, Jesus our Messiah' (Titus 2:13). 'In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to children. Yes Father, for it was well-pleasing in Your sight"' (Luke 10:21). 'As the Father has life in Himself (is self-existent), so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself' (John 5:26).

**False teaching:** Mormons believe the Persons of the Godhead are three separate evolved former human beings.

**Truth:** Mankind was created by the hand of God, starting with Adam. 'God said, "Let Us make Man in Our image, after Our likeness ... God created man in His own image. In the image of God He created him; male and female He created them' (Genesis 1:26 & 27). 'The Lord God formed Man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath (spirit) of life, Man became a living soul' (Genesis 2:7).

**False teaching:** Mormons believe Adam is the god and father of our earth and universe and they believe humans pre-existed.

**Truth:** We must be born-again and continue walking with God in order to enter the Kingdom of God. All those who reject the gift of salvation that is solely through the sacrifice and blood of Jesus will be lost for eternity by the righteous judgement of Jesus Himself. 'Unless one is born-again from above, he cannot see the Kingdom of God' (John 3:3). 'The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin' (1 John 1:7). 'Jesus loves us and washed us from our sins by His blood' (Revelation 1:5). 'As I (Jesus) hear, I judge and my judgment is righteous' (John 5:30). 'God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man Whom He has ordained, by which He has given assurance to all men, in that He has raised Him from the dead' (Acts 17:31). 'There is stored up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge will give to me on that day' (2 Timothy 4:8).

**False teaching:** All people are gods, all are inherently 'good' and potentially limitless so there is no need of a Saviour, there is no judgement and no lost eternity.

**Truth:** Jesus was divinely conceived of the Holy Spirit and was therefore, sinless and pure. He is the living image of God the Father and was on earth in a flesh and blood body of a Man, yet with the nature and abilities of our Creator God. He was perfect and sinless, yet virtually became sin for us. 'The angel said, "The Holy Spirit will come on you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the Holy One Who is born from you will be called the Son of God' (Luke 1:35). 'Jesus is the image of the invisible God' (Colossians 1:15). 'By this you know the Spirit of God: every Spirit who confesses that Jesus has come in the flesh is of God, but every spirit who denies Jesus has come in the flesh is not of God. This is the spirit of

antichrist' (1 John 4:2 & 3). 'He who knew no sin, became sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God' (2 Corinthians 5:21).

**False teaching:** Jesus is the naturally begotten child of Mary and His birth made Him a resurrected or reincarnated highly evolved god.

**Truth:** Jesus is the perfect image of God the Father and one third of the Godhead as we read above. The devil was merely a created cherub, beautiful and musically talented, but he became proud and tried to overthrow Almighty God. For that sin of pride, the devil was rejected from his place of honour in heaven and although he can converse with God, he no longer has a home in the heavenly realm. 'Your pomp brought you down to Sheol with the sound of your stringed instruments ... How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground. You said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north! I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!" You will be brought down to Sheol to the depths of the pit' (Isaiah 14:11 to 15). 'You seal up the sum, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone adorned you ... You were the anointed cherub who covers and I set you on the holy mountain of God ... You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created until unrighteousness was found in you ... you have sinned, therefore I have cast you out of the mountain of God and I have destroyed you, covering cherub ... Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty. You have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness. I have cast you to the ground' (Ezekiel 28:12 to 17). As a result of his sin, the devil has become the most wicked creature in all of God's creation. How evil and blasphemous is the next false teaching of the Mormons.

**False teaching:** Jesus was a 'spirit brother' of the devil before His birth as a Man.

Mormons practice non-scriptural rituals. In one ritual, adults are baptised for the dead by proxy, believing the long-dead will be saved, even though the scriptures clearly tell us we must accept salvation for ourselves. Nobody can do that for us. The participants are washed and anointed with oil in a secret ceremony then they don baptismal robes and are baptised in a bid to save anyone who might be lost to God, so for them, there is no judgement and no lost eternity. The Mormons are trying to take the role of 'saviours' negating the need for our personal Saviour and Lord Jesus.

Mormons are caught up, almost obsessed with studying endless genealogies which is opposite to scripture. 'Do not pay attention to myths and endless genealogies ...' (1 Timothy 1:4). 'Shun foolish questionings and genealogies ... for they are unprofitable and vain (worthless)' (Titus 3:9).

Mormons wear specially designed 'holy' underwear that they believe will protect them from evil spirits. The underwear has symbols sewn or embroidered and the Mormons always wear these undergarments, especially after marriage. The symbols have been described by people who have come to their senses and left the Mormon church, as being satanic and similar to the symbols found in freemasonry. There is nothing holy about those evil-looking symbols. Underwear cannot protect us from evil anyway, only the blood of Jesus can do that.

Mormons have secret handshakes, hand gripping and secret names. If someone has been involved in Mormonism and chooses to leave, men from the church will follow and attempt to intimidate them, as it has been reported in a recent television interview. One woman who left the cult was excommunicated and forbidden to attend her daughter's wedding. They practice a 'sealing ceremony' where an older woman shrouded in a white gown touches the genitals of a young woman who is about to be married. Men wearing a shroud touch the genitals of a young man who is about to be married. That vile practice is not mentioned in the scriptures. No one is to see or touch the nakedness of another except within marriage. See Leviticus 18:6 to 20:21, too much to add here, but the Lord makes it very clear that this practice is evil and shameful.

The true Gospel of the Kingdom is not secret. It is open and highlighted for all to see, accept and follow. It may seem mysterious to non-believers, but once we are born-again and walk with God, the Gospel message is so simple, people stumble over its simplicity and try to make it complicated. Silly secret handshakes, ugly underwear, secret names and secret ceremonies are all opposite to scripture. What have they got to hide? Why the secrets? They are very foolish if they think they can hide anything from God. He is all-seeing, all-knowing and all-powerful.

Although the history and the reality of the United States is well known, well documented and we know white people did not enter America until after Christopher Columbus discovered the exciting 'New World', the Mormons have another spin on the history of America. They maintain the Hebrew tribes of Abraham, Isaac,

Jacob and Joseph went to America sometime around 600 BC. That belief very much opposite to scripture and opposite to the known truth of the history of the United States. They believe the Mormon Jesus came around 400 AD. They say the prophet Mormon and his son Moroni wrote some teachings on gold plates and buried them in the ground until they were later given to ... yes, none other than Joseph Smith by a reincarnated Moroni in 1827. Where are those gold plates now? Of course, Smith gave them back to Moroni so nobody will ever see them. Yes, the Mormons actually believe that nonsense.

This Bible study has not listed all the incorrect teachings of the Mormon church but it should be enough to reveal to people the Mormon church is a cult, their teachings are wrong, the book of Mormon is not inspired by Almighty God, the founder of Mormonism was not a Godly man, their 'angel' was not sent from Almighty God, their 'prophet' Mormon was a false prophet, the church follows a false gospel and continues to lead people away from the true Gospel of Salvation. If we look carefully at the scriptures, we can see that unless Mormons repent and turn away from their ungodly cult, they will never enter the Kingdom of God. The verses written above tell us that. Anybody who teaches another Jesus or a different gospel is cursed unless they turn away from such unclean things and turn to God.

Any person on earth can have a personal relationship with the living God by accepting Jesus' blood sacrifice. To be born-again as the scriptures teach, we need to admit we are sinners, unable to save ourselves (Romans 3:23). We must be willing to repent, turn to God and turn away from sin (Acts 26:20). We must believe that Jesus died to take away our sins (Romans 5:8). Through prayer, we must invite Jesus to be our personal Saviour (John 1:12; Revelation 3:20). If we have made the decision to commit our life to God, we need to find a good Christian church, based on solid Christian foundations, with good fellowship where we can grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus. To him be the glory both now and forever, Amen' (2 Peter 3:18).

Amen and God bless you.

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