

Chapter 33

The Spirit of Elijah Is the Spirit of Repentance and Forgiveness

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

(Old Testament | Malachi 4:5 - 6)

It seems to me, the way our “hearts are turned to our fathers and the father’s hearts are turned to the children is when we both learn to repent ourselves of our own sins and also forgive our fathers who have sinned. For example:

Do you think this could happen [the removal of D&C 132] from our canon of scripture and reinstate D&C 101 of 1835 back into our canon, with the current leadership of the LDS Church? I don't. The LDS Church is still “under condemnation,” because of polygamy. There has got to be, a big change to root out the lies, and dishonesty the current leadership is holding on to because of the brainwashing polygamy has given the people of LDS Church.

“But the word of God burdens me because of your grosser crimes. For behold, thus saith the Lord: This people [the LDS Church, under Brigham Young] 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.”

(Book of Mormon | Jacob 2:23 - 24)

“Yea, and as often as my people repent will I forgive them their trespasses against me. 31 And ye shall also forgive one another your trespasses; for verily I say unto you, he that forgiveth not his neighbor's trespasses when he says that he repents, the same hath brought himself under condemnation. 32 Now I say unto you, Go; and whosoever will not repent of his sins the same shall not be numbered among my people; and this shall be observed from this time forward.” (Book of Mormon | Mosiah 26:30 - 32)

“Therefore repent ye, repent ye, lest by knowing these things and not doing them ye shall suffer yourselves to come under condemnation, and ye are brought down unto this second death.” (Book of Mormon | Helaman 14:19)

“Therefore, keep these sayings which I have commanded you that ye come not under condemnation; for wo unto him whom the Father condemneth.” (Book of Mormon | 3 Nephi 18:33)

“Behold, my son, this thing ought not to be; for repentance is unto them that are under condemnation and under the curse of a broken law.” (Book of Mormon | Moroni 8:24)

“And now, my beloved son, notwithstanding their hardness, let us labor diligently; for if we should cease to labor, we should be brought under condemnation; for we have a labor to perform whilst in this tabernacle of clay, that we may conquer the enemy of all righteousness, and rest our souls in the kingdom of God.” (Book of Mormon | Moroni 9: 6)

“And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received [Book of Mormon and D&C 1835]. Which vanity and unbelief have brought the whole church under condemnation. And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all. And they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them, [D&C 42 and 49] not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written— That they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom; otherwise there remaineth a scourge and judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion.” (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 84:54 - 58)

“And again, another trump shall sound, which is the third trump; and then come the spirits of men who are to be judged, and are found under condemnation; And these are the rest of the dead; and they live not again until the thousand years are ended, neither again, until the end of the earth.” (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 88:100 - 101)

“And every man whose spirit receiveth not the light is under condemnation.” (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 93:32)

These scriptures, if looked at in view of eternity [your eternal nature, having no beginning and no end] will bring one to see and understand the truth.

The LDS Church is not perfect, it has things to repent of, to let go of, to be honest about. For example: Polygamy is adultery! In fact, any "sin" is an adulteration from the source of all truth coming from God the Father or Jesus Christ. Many seem to be straining at the gnat and cheerfully swallowing the camel to justify sins. The moral laws of godliness [one man one wife] has been the same from before the world was created [Genesis 1:27]. It is fallen mortal men [mankind] who get caught up in lies and deceptions, who want to justify their sins and immoral acts associated with lies, deceptions, and gay lifestyles [LGTBQ] that keep the sin alive but the day will come when all who participate in such immoral activities or lies will recognize that they have been deceived and in so doing, deceived themselves. Once they recognize that, they will have the opportunity to repent and change their thinking and lifestyle.

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are. **Let no man [or woman] deceive himself.**”
(New Testament | 1 Corinthians 3:16 - 18)

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (New Testament | 2 Thessalonians 2:8 - 12)

Anytime a person "taints" or "debases" the truth of [one man one wife][D&C 42:22-26 and D&C 49:15-17] and enter polygamy or LGTBQ lifestyles they enter the realm of adulteration. And in this sense, polygamy is and always will be adultery! And LGTBQ lifestyles is and always will be an adulteration of God's laws.

Anyone can change, repent and forgive themselves and forgive others. “If ye be willing and obedient.” To do so is truly the Spirit of Elijah.

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient”

(Old Testament | Isaiah 1:18 - 19).

To remove our condemnation individually we must repent and forgive. For the LDS Church to remove its condemnation collectively it must repent and forgive, and this can only happen through the leadership of the Church. I hope all religions can embrace this truth and learn to “be one.” [John 17]. This will happen individually as we embrace the Spirit of Elijah and our “hearts” are knit together as one family, fathers, mothers and the children as one tapestry under God the Father.

This Essay is for informational purposes only and is the opinion of the author.

Last Edited 10/17/2024

See more Downloads on the website www.MarriageAndPolygamy.com