

## Chapter 39

### Why D&C 42 is so Important to Latter-day Israel

I love the Prophet Joseph Smith and Hyrum. They were chosen by the Lord. They were valiant and honest men who gave their blood as a testimony to the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon and the 1835 and 1844 Doctrine and Covenants, which includes our true “Doctrine,” Lectures on Faith. I am grateful for temples of brick and mortar, which teaches me about symbolism and reveals the truth that ***We Are the Only True Temple*** of the Living God ***“made without hands”*** [1 Corinthians 3: 10-21; 1 Corinthians 6: 15-20; 2 Corinthians 6: 16-18; Mark 1: 14; Colossians 1: 27; 2: 2,11]. It is important to understand the phrase ***“made without hands,”*** because it has deep inner spiritual meaning for the living and the dead! I hope you come to see why our personal temple is the most holy temple ***“made without hands,” and why “the most High dwelleth NOT In temples made with hands”*** [Mark 14: 58; Acts 7: 48; Acts 17: 24-25; 2 Corinthians 5: 1; Hebrews 9: 11; Hebrews 9: 24]. ***“Made with hands”*** is another important phrase I hope you come to see it clearly.

Truth does not change, it is the same yesterday, today, and forever. “False doctrines” have and are leading many astray, for example, “lying,” and “polygamy” has ***NEVER*** been approved by the Lord, ever, past, present, or future! Why am I so certain? Two reasons.

1. From a scriptural perspective **D&C 42:17-29** is the “nail in the coffin” against lying and polygamy. End of discussion if you really believe that D&C 42 is scripture from the Lord, to the Church in 1831, today and forever! For me Joseph Smith never, ever lived, taught, or practiced polygamy, but fought against it his whole life. **D&C 42** was a revelation to Joseph, from the Lord to the Church, and was, and is called ***“Embracing the Law of the Church.”*** Emma, Joseph, Hyrum, Samuel, and most of the Smith family followed, believed and lived this revelation. After Joseph and Hyrum were murdered and Samuel Smith taken out, [all by a conspiracy within the Church in “secret chambers” D&C 38:13, 28] some in the LDS Church went apostate

following Brigham Young into lies and polygamy. Why are some in the LDS Church still caught up in the "lie" of polygamy? Because they believe in the "false narratives" more than the revelation of **D&C 42**! If they believed in **D&C 42**, they wouldn't have fallen. They ignored it! They believed more in the "arm of flesh" and followed after the "lusts of the flesh." Hence, we have journals and diaries, all 2nd-hand contemporary accounts and peer review journals that teach against what the Lord actually taught to the Church in **D&C 42**, February 9, 1831. What the LDS Church is doing today in perpetuating this lie is wrong, evil, and an abomination. Some in the LDS Church today are still propagating the lie that the Prophet Joseph Smith started polygamy, taught it, and lived it in secret. Who do you want to believe, the Lord in **D&C 42**, or all the 2nd hand contemporary journals, diaries, and false affidavits? As for me, I choose to follow the Lord in **D&C 42**, it is in harmony with The Book of Mormon, which is totally an anti-polygamy book all the way through! If you read it in context, there are no loopholes for polygamy! "And it came to pass that Riplakish did not do that which was right in the sight of the Lord, for he did have many wives and concubines" [Ether 10:5]. And then Lehi and his people were told: "Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord" [Jacob 2:24].

2. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> "nail in the coffin," against lying and polygamy. Where did "polygamy" actually come from, from a scriptural perspective? Who created the idea of polygamy? Keep reading and listening. Why did the Lord command the LDS Church on February 9, 1831, to "not lie?" [**D&C 42:21**]. Did He know it was going to be a problem in these last days? YES! Why did several sisters in the Temple Lot Case lie under oath? Why did some of our apostles and prophets lie under oath? Who is the author of "lies?" Satan.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xW8FmY2-BNw&t=2s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4-wtj009gw&t=13s>

From a scriptural perspective, we know who actually started “polygamy?” It was NOT the Lord; it NEVER has been and NEVER will be! It was some of Cain’s posterity who made a covenant with Satan and broke the commandments of God, who started polygamy. Hence lies, immorality, deceit, and murder have become literally the offspring of polygamy, and it has swept across the Earth to this day [Genesis 4: 16-24] and is the reason for the “condemnation” of the LDS Church, and it continues to this day. The “condemnation” has not been removed [“And they (Latter-day Church) shall remain under this condemnation until they repent [of lying and perpetuating the lie of polygamy] and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon (Ether 10:5) and the former commandments which I have given them (D&C 42), not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written” (September 1832, D&C 84:57)]. To have only one wife was the commandment given “before” the world was even created [D&C 49: 15-17]. Believe it or not, that is the honest gospel truth!

I hope all people learn to follow the Lord and not "false teachings." **Know** His voice, “**Know** His fruits, **Know** His face! We are living in a day of great deceptions, and before the Lord comes in glory, many are going to struggle with “what is the truth,” and fall because their roots are not grounded in **D&C 42** in “**embracing the law of the Church**.” “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Matthew 7:15).

***“For it shall come to pass that the inhabitants of Zion [the pure, morally clean and honest in heart] shall judge all things pertaining to Zion. And liars and hypocrites shall be proved by them, and they who are NOT apostles and prophets shall be know [D&C 64:38-39].***

The LDS Church essays on polygamy,<sup>i</sup> including D&C 132 are propaganda and lies and are not in harmony with **D&C 42**. So, what is the LDS Church trying to prove? That a “lie” can somehow become a “truth?” Who do you want to believe? The Lord’s revelation for the Church and its people in **D&C 42** or the philosophies of man, diaries, journals, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand contemporary evidence or what the Lord actually has to say about it? When it comes to your personal salvation and knowing the

truth, the "spiritual seeker," first seeks to become "one" with the Father and the Son by and through the "fruits of the Spirit" [Galatians 5: 18-26, Lectures on Faith 7: 15-17]; this is the true foundation for understanding "what is the truth." "By their fruits ye shall know them" [Matthew 7:20]. Would you rather get your knowledge of truth from 2<sup>nd</sup> hand sources, a PhD or "the Spirit [that] knoweth all things" [Alma 7:13; D&C 11:12-14; 42:17]. Man's wisdom is described by Paul as: "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7). If you want to personally "know" God the Father and Yeshua the Messiah, the Christ, you MUST understand their "character" first hand, not second hand! Then comes the real "work" in seeking to manifest that "character" in your thoughts, words, and deeds! "Lying and Polygamy" does not measure up to the "fruit of the Spirit" in any way, shape, or form, and falls way, way short of **D&C 42:18-29**, which is the Lord's word on the abomination of polygamy and lying! Again, who do you want to believe, the Lord himself, or Brigham Young and all those who broke the commandments and lived in adultery instead of having only "one wife," "cleaving unto her and NONE else." We know that LDS Church "Histories" have been doctored. Why "trust" them! **Trust the "fruit of the Spirit," it will never lead you astray!** Read the word "Holiness" as described in the LDS Bible Dictionary. Every Latter-Day Saint should read it daily until they understand the true "character of God," which is the ONLY way anyone can become "one" with God [John 17]. The "nail in the coffin" for lying and polygamy is **D&C 42 17-29** and the LDS Church is ignoring it! Why? Is it because they like the doctored "histories," "peer review journals," "diaries" and "false affidavits" more than the real "truth" coming from the Lord in **D&C 42: 17-29**?

One of my favorite experiences of Christ in the New Testament is when he teaches the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well about "how" to worship from a Celestial perspective, inwardly! The woman said: "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. **Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what:** we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews [in other words, "lo here or, lo there," (Luke 17: 21) this mountain, this temple, this synagogue, or any

religion will try to tell you “where” and “how” to worship by their authority, priesthood and power]. “But the hour cometh, **and now is**, when the **true worshippers** shall worship the Father [where?] **in spirit and in truth:**” [not through religions “made with hands”] “for the Father seeketh such to worship him” (John 4:20 - 23). So “how” do we worship the “Father,” in Celestial worship? It can only happen one way: **“in spirit and in truth.”** “In spirit” is through the “fruits of the Spirit,” available to all, anytime, anywhere, because “God” or “godliness” is no respecter of persons, but of a “divine” and “holy” character.” This is how we worship “in truth.” It is the only way we can become “one” with the Father and the Son and it does not matter what race or religion we come from. The “Spirit” and “Truth” is available to all, all the time, anytime, if we seek it honestly. This is everyone’s “birthright” and “in-heritance,” for the living or the dead, but the religious priests of yesterday and today will tell you this is blasphemous. “He [Christ] answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:20 - 21).

Don’t be led away into false security, false beliefs, false doctrines. “Know” your scripture, **D&C 42**, live it, these are the laws the Lord established for his Church, February 9, 1831. “Know the truth, [become the truth] and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). We live in a “divine nature” centered existence, always have and always will whether we believe in it or not. How did satan become Satan? By becoming “one” with “lies.” How did “god” become “God?” By becoming “one” with the divine and holy attributes of godliness and it is free for all to embrace, anytime, anywhere, any moment of any day.

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<sup>i</sup> <https://newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org/topic/polygamy> When you read the Church narrative on polygamy you will see truths taught and you will see woven lies and false doctrines taught also. If you use **D&C 42** as the standard for truth you will not go wrong. The Lord has never taught in any period of time that polygamy or lying was approved by Him, it has always been adultery and an abomination.

<sup>ii</sup> The Prophet Joseph Smith said: “Having a knowledge of God, we begin to know how to approach Him, and how to ask so as to receive an answer” (*Teachings: Joseph Smith*, 40). “When we understand the character of God, and know how to come to Him, He begins to unfold the heavens to us, and to tell us all about it. When we are ready to come to Him, He is ready to come to us.” *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith* (2007), 40–41.

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"If men do not comprehend the character of God they do not comprehend themselves..." [The Words of Joseph Smith, 340] "The first principle of truth is to know for a certainty the character of God" [The Words of Joseph Smith, 350]. "You have got to learn how to be a god yourself in order to save yourself" [The Words of Joseph Smith, 357].