

Chapter 42

Celestial Faith

1. What type of faith is necessary for “Celestial Glory?” Celestial thinking.
2. What type of faith is necessary for “Terrestrial Glory?” Terrestrial thinking.
3. What type of faith is necessary for “Telestial Glory?” Telestial thinking.
4. What type of faith is necessary for “Sons of Perdition?” SOP thinking.

When you read the scriptures, they give clues as to the type of faith that is necessary to become Celestial and “one” with Father and Christ. False belief systems will prevent one from reaching that “Celestial” faith. But that is not the only thing that will keep one from reaching “Celestial” faith, an incorrect knowledge of who God the Father is and who Christ is will also damn one in the journey to “Celestial Glory.” Let’s define some words so that we are on the same page.

“Faith” is a principle of action in all beings, including Satan and his followers and Christ and all those who follow Him from the past and in the present and will be in the future. Hence “faith” is a very important principal to know and understand. The question we want to ask ourselves is, “What type of faith do we want to have?” We have 4 choices. So, I am going to explore the answer to each question from a scriptural perspective the best I can and you decide where you are in that process, or create your own process. This is just my observation, and I plan on experimenting with the word [Alma 32:27]. I am going to include “Lectures on Faith” as they were once our canonized scripture in our 1835 and 1844 Doctrine & Covenants.

If “faith” is the first principle of revealed religion, then Celestial “faith” alone should define “God” the Father and Jesus Christ. When “God” created the heavens and the earth He did it by “faith” alone. Not by “priesthood power” but by “faith” alone. “Celestial” faith [Celestial thinking] is a divine attribute we are all endowed with it innately. What does that suggest to you? One, that “God is no respecter of persons.” And two, if “God is no respecter of persons,” He is also no respecter of race, or religion, but of a “divine” and “holy character, innate to all! This idea and knowledge suggest to me, this is the real plan of salvation, the plan of happiness, to

all, dead and alive, on both sides of the veil. This concept has no religion of brick and mortar, priesthood, ceremonies, ordinance connected to it. It is the “Church of the Firstborn,” or the Church of the Lamb of God, with a spiritual foundation. This plan is truly available to all, it is merciful and just, because it is “innate” to each of us. It is our true inheritance and birthright to choose to become divine and holy in our thinking and character. This is how the first spirit being became a God spiritually before mortal existence and physical creation took form. This is a concept the Prophet Joseph Smith taught in the King Follett Sermon.

I am now going to step away from this Celestial Idea of becoming like God [Matthew 5:48; 3 Nephi 12:48] and go to Terrestrial and Telesstial thinking. I am not saying everyone goes through this process, but I know in my own life, I have gone from probably celestial thinking as a child [thinking pure and innocent thoughts, not fully aware of Gods plan yet] and spiritually and physically began to fall into telesstial thinking, and into terrestrial thinking and celestial thinking, and then back and forth trying to find that place where my mind and heart want to stay. I will tell you honestly, I have not arrived where I want to be yet, and that is with my Father in Heaven, where I envision our faith is rooted and grounded in “divine character” alone. This is what really defines the Celestial Glory in my mind and heart.

Now I am are going to enter the realm of where the Terrestrial and Telesstial have similar beliefs that they do not want to let go of, hence they remain where they have chosen to be. I want you to watch this video first, before we go further.

“Jesus’ Blood Found on the Ark of the Covenant!”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8TRoQk6WUE&t=2692s>

The Ark of the Covenant and Mercy Seat was created for the House of Israel [catering to their 5 senses] and was originally placed in the Mishkan, or “Dwelling Place,” today most biblical scholars call it the Tabernacle of Moses, [A figurative “Temple”]. It was built for a people whose faith was trusting in what they could see, touch, taste, smell and hear [the five senses]. It is very important to understand this, because modern Israel has been given the same symbolism in their Temples. This kind of “faith” is a “telesstial” and “terrestrial” faith, based upon the “letter of the law” [the five senses, i.e. 5 points of fellowship].

Now, at this point, it is very important that you read the definition of the word “Holiness” in the LDS Bible Dictionary and really ponder its meaning and tell me if you see different kinds of faith [thinking]: where brackets [] are, is my interpretation for clarity.

Holiness

“According to the Old Testament, things or places were holy that were set apart for a sacred purpose; the opposite of holy is therefore common or profane ([1 Sam. 21:5](#); [Ezek. 22:26](#); [42:20](#); [44:23](#); [48:13–15](#)). Similarly, a holy person meant one who held a sacred office. The Israelites were a holy people because they stood in a special relationship to Jehovah. Under the guidance of the Prophets, it was seen that what distinguished Jehovah from the gods of the heathen was **His personal character**. The word **holy** therefore came to refer to moral character ([Lev. 11:44](#); [19:2](#); [21:8](#); [Isa. 6:3–8](#)). **Israel must be holy in character because the God of Israel was holy** ([Jer. 7:4–7](#); see also [Matt. 5:48](#)). The Law of Holiness ([Lev. 17–26](#)) shows how the attempt was made by means of ceremonial observances to secure this holiness of character. **The attempt failed** [it will always fail] because the later Jews observed the letter and neglected the spirit; they attached more importance to the ceremonial than to the moral [the holy]; and the result was a lapse into formalism. [“formalism” is a type of idolatry] **But in the writings of the Prophets it is clearly laid down that the value of worship in the eyes of God depends upon the personal character of the worshipper.”**

Note, **“The value of worship in the eyes of God depends upon the personal character of the worshipper.”** This is profound “Celestial faith,” “Celestial thinking.” And it differs from Telestial and Terrestrial beliefs and thinking.

Now, let’s define “Celestial faith” alone, so we are on the same page!

1. “Ye shall know them by their fruits.” What Fruits? [Galatians 5:22-26]. Our “faith” has to be immersed **in pure** love, in pure honesty, **in pure** virtue and morality, **in pure** holiness of character to be of a Celestial faith and Celestial thinking; and this kind of “Celestial” faith is available to everyone who wants it with all their heart, because it is our innate potential to fulfill this

birthright, that the promises of God “might be sure to **all the seed**” [Romans 4:16]. This is huge, this is Celestial thinking!

2. **“Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.** *Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. (New Testament | Romans 3:28 - 30)* **“THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ** (New Testament | Romans 5:1). **“That the Gentiles,** which followed not after righteousness, **have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.** But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? [Why] **Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law.** For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; (New Testament | Romans 9:30 - 32). “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (New Testament | 2 Corinthians 5:7). **“But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith.”** (New Testament | Galatians 3:11). But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the **promise by faith** of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. **Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (New Testament | Galatians 3:22 - 26). “For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of **righteousness by faith.** For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; **but faith which worketh by love.** [honesty, virtue, patience, kindness, even “divine nature”]. (New Testament | Galatians 5:5 - 6). That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;** that ye, **being rooted and grounded in love** (New Testament | Ephesians 3:17).
3. **“By faith,” what are we to be “rooted and grounded in?” “In love.” “Love is the one divine attribute of character that embraces all “divine nature” attributes.** [2 Peter 1:4-10].

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death (New Testament | Hebrews 11:5). By faith Noah, became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. (New Testament | Hebrews 11:7).

From the scriptures above, It is easy to see how we are justified by a certain type of “faith” that embraces a divine attribute called “love,” which is godliness and holiness of character. This is how Lectures on Faith sums it up, and I love it!

“It is scarcely necessary here to observe what we have previously noticed: That the glory which the Father and the Son have, [this is speaking of Celestial Glory, which is celestial thinking] is because they are just and holy beings; **and that if they were lacking in one attribute or perfection which they have, the glory which they have, never could be enjoyed by them; for it requires them to be precisely what they are in order to enjoy it:** and if the Savior gives this glory to any others, he [or she] must do it in the very way set forth in his prayer to his Father: **by making them one with him,** as he and the Father are one.—In so doing he would give them the glory which the Father has given him; and when his disciples are made one with the Father and the Son, as the Father and the Son are one, who cannot see the propriety of the Savior's saying, **The works which I do, shall they do; and greater works than these shall they do, because I go to the Father?**

These teachings of the Savior must clearly show unto us the nature of salvation; [this “salvation” he is speaking of is Celestial thinking] and what he proposed unto the human family when he proposed to save them—**That he proposed to make them like unto himself; and he was like the Father, the great prototype of all saved beings: And for any portion of the human family [regardless of race or religion] to be assimilated into their likeness is to be saved;** and to be unlike them is to be destroyed: and on this hinge turns the door of salvation.

Who cannot see, then, that salvation is the effect of faith? for as we have previously observed, all the heavenly beings work by this principle; and it is because they are able so to do that they are saved: **for nothing but this could save them.** And this is the lesson which the God of heaven, by the mouth of all his holy prophets, has been endeavoring to teach to the world. Hence we

are told, that without faith it is impossible to please God; and that salvation is of faith, that it might be by grace **to the end, the promise might be sure to all the seed.** Romans 4:16: And that Israel, who followed after the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? [Why?] **because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law;** for they stumbled at that stumbling stone. Romans 9:32. Modern Israel is doing the same today. The “works of the law” have become their “keys of priesthood authority” that they use to judge everyone by and this is purely telestial, and terrestrial thinking.

The reason I wanted you to watch that video of the Ark of the Covenant is to show how Ancient Israel and Modern Israel today are so caught up the “letter of the law,” it has become their “religion,” and the letter of the law is only here to “awaken” us from our spiritual “slumber” as it relates to the 10 Virgins. There is nothing wrong with the letter of the law, it is just being used to get people to think their particular “letter of the law” is the only way to be saved, and that is not scripturally true at all. “Know ye that that ye are the temple of the living God,” and that the “Kingdom of God is within you.” And this is the reason, “God is no respecter of persons,” but of a divine and holy character! If you are using the “letter of the law” to judge humanity by a particular “religion,” then the “letter of the law,” has become “formalism,” and this is very Terrestrial and Telestial thinking. That is not how God thinks, it is how fallen man thinks.

Gods Celestial Glory and thinking has no boarders, no walls, no veils, everyone is welcome who becomes “one” in character and attribute, with Him, this celestial principle is innate to all people, always has been [past, present, or future]. The Terrestrial and Telestial Glories and thinking has boarders and gates, all shaped by their particular “letter of the law.” They are separated by organized religion, by tribes, by their own beliefs and philosophies, they have not learned how to really become “one” with God and Christ [John 17] through the Spirit! The “Holy Spirit.”

“And let every man esteem his brother as himself, and practice virtue and holiness before me. And again I say unto you, let every man esteem his

brother as himself. For what man among you having twelve sons, and is no respecter of them, and they serve him obediently, and he saith unto the one: Be thou clothed in robes and sit thou here; and to the other: Be thou clothed in rags and sit thou there—and looketh upon his sons and saith I am just? Behold, this I have given unto you as a parable, and it is even as I am. I say unto you, be one; and if ye are not one ye are not mine. (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 38:24 - 27).

My experiment with the word is ongoing and provokes this question: How do I get to that place in my mind and heart where “oneness” happens? “The Father and the Son are one, in manifesting “divine nature,” oneness of character, “who cannot see the propriety of the Savior's saying, **the works which I do, shall they do; and greater works than these shall they do, because I go to the Father** [Lectures on Faith 7:15-17].

The **“works”** for the living and the dead is performed within the “mind and heart” in celestial thinking [Malachi 4:5-6]. This is the only place where “God is no respecter of person,” race or religion, but of a divine and holy character and it is achieved by celestial “faith” alone as the scriptures above bear witness. You make a covenant to be absolutely honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous; this is the “wedding garment” of righteousness required to create a temple **“made without hands,”** your own body temple [Mark 14:58; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 9:11; Colossians 2:8-23] to “meet the bridegroom” [Matthew 25:1-13] when he comes and calls your name. This is how true “oneness” is achieved with Father and Christ.

Now in a “Celestial” and “Terrestrial” Glory, [thinking] the “work” for the living and the dead has to go through “priesthood authority,” and it can ONLY happen in one place, called “The House of the Lord.” And you can’t go there unless you pay a tithing and answer questions that would qualify you to attend. You also covenant to wear a garment and attend a temple **“made with hands.”** [Mark 14:58; Acts 7:48; Acts 17:24-27; Hebrews 9:24]. In this version of salvation, God is a respecter of only persons who have authority to perform these ordinances. This is the schoolmaster for Celestial thinkers, if you are awake! The choice is yours!