

Chapter 24

The Subtleness of Satan's Empire on Earth

Part 1

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

(Old Testament | Genesis 3:1)

To interpret this, “Now the serpent” [***which is a metaphor for Satan or the Devil is also a symbol of the carnal and fallen nature of man***], therefore, the reality is, that we are each accountable for our own choices, including Satan who...] was cunning, wily, crafty, cagey, crooked, scheming, shifty, shrewd, sneaky, underhanded, deceitful, designing, foxy, greasy, guileful, and desires to lead Adam and Eve and their posterity into any form of “***bondage***” he could conger, as long as it takes them away from the “tree of life” [which symbolically represents every person’s inner potential to become as our Father and Christ is by the “effects of faith” alone through the attributes, character and the perfection of godliness, for we are each co-equal and co-eternal in this potential to become one with our Father and Christ] See LDS Bible Dictionary, “Holiness.”

Now Satan, [Lucifer] and the 1/3 that fell have an objective, and that is to keep as many souls as they can away from fulfilling their greatest potential and becoming as Father is... Period! That means, if they end up as Telestial or Terrestrial beings, he has a victory, in his thinking! Therefore, Satan, the “son of the morning” [Isaiah 14: 12] goal is to get humanity to believe in and use any form of idolatry and make formalism part of their worship, which is to believe in false gods, and false beliefs of any kind, and to commerce in evil pursuits using “money” “made with hands,” which is a form of idolatry and formalism. If mankind does this, he knew he had them [meaning if he could get them to buy, sell and trade using any form of money in evil ways, they would be lulled way into false security and never reach their full potential as Father and Christ and their salvation would be in a lesser degree of Glory or mansion. Can you see how that is a victory for Satan? Victory does not mean total compliance to the dark side, it means, that if he can get us to be

“lukewarm” to any degree, [Revelation 3:15-22] lie a little, steal a little, gossip a little, be immoral a little, he has kept us from our greatest potential, and that is what the “war in heaven” symbolizes; it is all about keeping souls from reaching their greatest potential, it is the figurative battle between the “tree of life” and the “tree of knowledge of good and evil” within us!

Satan is the one who introduced “money” into the world, in all its forms, [remember the definition of the Serpent above! ***“the Serpent is a metaphor for Satan or the Devil, it is also a symbol of the carnal and fallen nature of man”***]. ***“Money” in all its forms has never been part of Father’s Celestial inheritance or birthright!*** Christ never used monies to create this world but fallen mankind has done just that. Father created man in his image [with the potential to become holy, righteous, virtuous, and honest] without money, and man has now created, salvation using monies as a prerequisite. Christ turned over the money changers in the temple [John 2:13-17] and fallen man has never really understood how “money” has lulled him away into false security. What does Father need with money in the first place? Gene Roddenberry in Star Trek presented that same concept in the movie, The Final Frontier. “What does God need with a spaceship?”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tefOHCneZ0M>

The bitter and sweet truth is, when Christ cleansed the temple, he was referring to the only true temple ever created, ***“made without hands,”*** which is our own “body temple” ... “know ye not that” “ye are the temple of the living God;” and “money” [which is the symbol of idolatry and formalism,] which Satan and carnal man have introduced into the world is the “root of all evil” and he who uses it to buy, sell, or trade for “good” purposes or “evil” purposes is still in “bondage” to the fallen world and such individuals can never enter Celestial Glory, reaching his or her fullest potential, for no unclean thing can enter Fathers presence unless they repent [I will give you some samples later]. Do you see again how Satan keeps one in his grasp of “bondage?” [Revelation 3:11-22] read it!

“And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,
14 And found in the temple [the word “temple” is a metaphor for our “body temple”] those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, [symbolically referring to our body temple] and the sheep, and

the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; [he got rid of all the forms and structures we worship in this world, including money from the temple of brick and mortar “made with hands,” which refers to our body temple “made without hands” for those who have ears to hear] **16** And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise.” [do not make tithes and offerings a prerequisite for temple worship, this is called formalism].

(New Testament | John 2:13 - 16)

“For **the love of money is the root of all evil**: which while some coveted after, **they have erred from the faith**, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, **flee these things**; and **follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness**.” [This is how we build the true temple of God “made without hands,” [Mark 14:58; Colossians 2:11] a house and tabernacle “not made with hands” [2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 9:11] the only true temple that will make it into Father's presence and glory].

(New Testament | 1 Timothy 6:10 - 11)

People do many good things with money, which represents the “tree of knowledge” of “**good and evil**,” but that is not the tree we want to partake of...and so many do, including myself.

“But of the fruit of the tree [of knowledge of good and evil] which thou beholdest in the midst of the garden, God hath said—Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.”

(Pearl of Great Price | Moses 4:9; Genesis 3:3)

“Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die” [meaning we deceive ourselves in thinking, that we can use monies “made with hands” or any other form and structure “made with hands” to worship Father... the day we do that, is the day we stop our upward journey to Celestial realms to Father unless we repent] which does not change the fact that if we “eat of it” or “touch it” we truly put ourself in “bondage” [we “die” spiritually in that we stop our upward ascent to Father because we are serving, [perhaps ignorantly] the master of “bondage,” Lucifer, the “son of the morning”

therefore we have been lulled away into false security via the money systems of this world. If I didn't have to use it [money] I wouldn't. Maybe with that thinking I can free myself from it. My only consolation is I do not use money for evil things or pursuits.

The Father seeketh those who will worship him “in spirit and in truth” NOT in a temple “made with hands” or money or some other form and structure. See [John 4:19-26] Read it!

“And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away **carefully** down to hell.”

(Book of Mormon | 2 Nephi 28:21)

Now this “hell” spoken of is symbolic, it is a metaphor for the personal damnation or bondage we put ourselves into when we do commerce with any form of money or give in to any part of our carnal nature and/or buy into false beliefs. For example: Whose image is on money? ... The Lord said: “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. (New Testament | Mark 12:17) he also said “No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” (New Testament | Luke 16:13) Again, “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” (New Testament | Matthew 6:24). This perspective of “money” as a “graven image” [Exodus 20:4] is hard to fathom for most but that does not lessen the reality of the subtle bondage we put ourselves into when we use it for **good** or evil, it is still “**bondage**” to our soul that needs to be repented of if we seek Fathers kingdom of glory. ***With this knowledge in mind, most are going to repent of it on the other side of the veil, because they won't have an active bank account in the World of Spirits or Spirit World.*** However, because of false beliefs, [“serving God and Mammon”] and other false ideas they can easily replace their mortal bank account in the Spirit World with other false ideas and beliefs. It is always a choice whom or what we choose to worship and what “graven images” we make for ourselves and serve on either side of the veil.

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The Lord, Jesus Christ introduced through the Prophet Joseph Smith the “law of consecration,” which is a system that would if they had lived it without “graven images” “made with hands,” [like money] would have made them like unto the City of Enoch, but they choose the lesser law of tithes and offerings using monies in the end, and so it is to this day. “Consecration” is the higher law of the Celestial Glory and is a simple system. Every person in “consecration” would covenant with Father and self, to be free of debt, and not use money, of any kind to buy, sell, or trade, and bring their personal talents of carpentry, sewing, building, farming, cooking, teaching, etc., to the common storehouse where everyone uses their gifts and talents to bless one another in unconditional love, honesty, virtue, and righteousness without the use of monies. There would be no idlers and no poor amongst them, for all would be positively engaged in learning skills, and sharing their talents and gifts by loving Father and Christ first, with all their heart and soul and their neighbor as themselves. How simple is that? What crashed or stopped the “united order” of the Father was selfishness, a love for money, and what it could buy. The “free enterprise system” of today is a type of slavery. What the church was left with was the lesser law of “tithes and offering” which is formalism, a type of idolatry.

“VERILY I say unto you who have assembled yourselves together that you may learn my will concerning the redemption of mine afflicted people—
2 Behold, I say unto you, were it not for the transgressions of my people, speaking concerning the church and not individuals, they might have been redeemed even now.

3 But behold, they have not learned to be obedient to the things which I required at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil, and do not impart of their substance, as becometh saints, to the poor and afflicted among them;

4 ***And are not united according to the union required by the law of the celestial kingdom;***

5 And Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom; otherwise [therefore] I cannot receive her unto myself.

6 And my people must needs be chastened until they learn obedience, if it must needs be, by the things which they suffer.”

(Doctrine and Covenants | Section 105:1 - 6)

To love only Father and Christ, and neighbor as yourself...is to love godliness, moral virtue, and holiness of character with all your might, mind, and strength. And that did not happen as a community of believers in the early restoration. There was a love of money in their hearts, speaking collectively and not individually, and a thirst for idolatry, formalism, adultery, lies, and fornicators were among them, claiming to be a saint on the outside but inwardly there were wolfs in sheep's clothing.

No one can be truly consecrated to Father and use "graven images" of any form or work for money, "made with hands," or break any of the 10 commandments. It is one of those things that must be sacrificed, given up, and willing to "walk away from," into a new lifestyle like the people of Enoch did, leaving the world and its money systems alone, wanting no part of it. What did the Lord have to say about this?

"And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? [This is referring to the Father's kingdom of glory or inheritance]

17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery [polygamy], Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, [lie]

19 Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

21 Jesus said unto him, **If thou wilt be perfect**, [Matthew 5:48 in divine nature, the fruit of the Spirit] go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. [He was addicted to what money could buy for himself and the power and influence it gave him].

23 ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men [“men” meaning the fallen and carnal nature, and the worship of graven images] this is impossible, but with God [“God” meaning unconditional love and divine nature] all things are possible.” (New Testament | Matthew 19:16 – 26 (New Testament | Mark 10:17 - 27) (New Testament | Luke 18:18 - 27)

So, I have asked myself the question, what do I do with this knowledge? Do I sacrifice everything and walk away with my family and go into the wilderness without purse [money] or script and practice walking on water, etc., and wait upon the Christ? The answer is simple, [NO!], I must **realize** how the money systems of the world put me in “bondage,” and wake up [Isaiah 52:1] to the spiritual bondage I have put myself and my family in, through the money systems of this world. My honorable choice is to remain here in the “lone and dreary world” of “Spiritual Babylon,” in “bondage” to the money systems in play, and focus on a sacrifice of all my “carnal nature” and “false beliefs” with a “broken heart and a contrite spirit” and “endure to the end” to my mortal death where I can then free myself on the other side of the veil of “money” [note, that there are systems in the spirit world that can lull one away into false securities as well] OR I can wait for a miracle that all the economies of this world will collapse as prophesied in scripture and cause groups of like-minded people like myself to come together in a “united order” and “covenant to serve Father,” in honesty, virtue, and godliness of character and use our combined talents in farming, building and caring for the basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter with one another, without the use of monies. This is when the Anti-Christ [Alma 30:6,12] will rise again, to force people to take the “mark of the beast” if they want to buy, sell or trade [Revelation 16:2; 19:20]. Therefore, until the Lord comes to me personally, I will continue to seek his face always and be patient and immerse myself into love unconditionally, as Enoch did.

“And the Lord called his people ZION, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness [using no money system]; and there was no poor among them.

19 And Enoch continued his preaching in righteousness unto the people of God. [what did he preach? See footnote 1] And it came to pass in his days, that he built a city [without engaging in the money systems of his day] that was called the City of Holiness, even ZION.

20 And it came to pass that Enoch talked with the Lord; and he said unto the Lord: Surely Zion shall dwell in safety forever. But the Lord said unto Enoch: ***Zion have I blessed***, [because of the covenant they made with Father and Christ] ***but the residue of the people have I cursed.***

21 And it came to pass that the Lord showed unto Enoch all the inhabitants of the earth, and he beheld, and lo, Zion, in process of time, was taken up into heaven. And the Lord said unto Enoch: Behold mine abode forever.”
(Pearl of Great Price | Moses 7:18 - 21)

This covenant Enoch and his people made was living the physical “united order” principles and their immersion into the spiritual law of total consecration to Father [godliness of character]. This was Enoch’s way of living in mortality with like-minded individuals, without the money systems of the world. This is what the Book of Mormon teaches about another group of godly, covenant people:

”And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people.

16 And there were no envyings, [no money system] nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God.

17 There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of –ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God. [See footnote 1 at the bottom of this essay]

18 And how blessed were they! For the Lord did bless them in all their doings; yea, even they were blessed and prospered until an hundred and ten years [110 years] had passed away; and the first generation from Christ had passed away, and there was no contention in all the land.”

(Book of Mormon | 4 Nephi 1:15 - 18)

This utopia in the Book of Mormon era did not last:

“Nevertheless, the people did [begin to] harden their hearts, **for they were led by many priests and false prophets to build up many churches**, [“made with hands” using monies. Brigham Young and others who got caught up in polygamy where part of this group of priests and false prophets] and to do all manner of iniquity. And they did smite upon the people of Jesus; but the people of Jesus did not smite again. And thus they did dwindle in unbelief and wickedness, from year to year, even until two hundred and thirty years [230 yrs.] had passed away.”

(Book of Mormon | 4 Nephi 1:34)

Then we have the word of the Lord to the people of the restoration era, where we are today:

“And the anger of God kindleth against the inhabitants of the earth; and none doeth good, **for all have gone out of the way.**”

(Doctrine and Covenants | Section 82:6) April 1931

“Behold, I say unto you, were it not for the transgressions of my people, speaking concerning the church and not individuals, they might have been redeemed even now.

3 But behold, they have not learned to be obedient to the things which I required at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil, [polygamy] and do not impart of their substance, as becometh saints, to the poor and afflicted among them;

4 **And are not united according to the union required by the law of the celestial kingdom;**

5 **And Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom;** otherwise [therefore] I cannot receive her unto myself.

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(Doctrine and Covenants | Section 105:2 - 6) June 22, 1834

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So here we are today still suffering under the “bondage” of not living “the law of the celestial kingdom,” which is to live in this covenant ⁱ [see footnote]. These revelations were given in April of 1832 and June 1834 and the restored church through Joseph Smith was “**out of the way,**” [D&C 82:6] “**which vanity and unbelief have brought the whole church under condemnation**” [D&C 84:54-59] and began to fall away according to the words of the Lord in 1831 when the “law of consecration” was given, and some were getting caught up in polygamyⁱⁱ [adultery] which Joseph fought his whole life until he was eventually murdered by cunning and wily men within the church as true history will declare. Ancient Israel had the same issues. And these words of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel describe what happens to people when they fall from the truth into all kinds of “bondage.”

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

(Old Testament | Isaiah 53:6)

“My people hath been lost sheep: **their shepherds have caused them to go astray,** they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place.

(Old Testament | Jeremiah 50:6)

“And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.

(Old Testament | Ezekiel 44:10)

In the Book of Mormon, Nephi seeing our day said this about us:

“Yea, they have all gone out of the way; [“all churches have gone out of the way”] they have become corrupted.

¹² 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.

13 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.

14 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, who 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.** [One of the “precepts of men” is engaging in the money systems of the world and other false beliefs of worship, formalism] **“they have all gone astray”**... **“because they are taught by the precepts of men.”**

(Book of Mormon | 2 Nephi 28:11 - 14) see also [**Romans 12].

The Book of Mormon goes on to say there are only 2 churches on the earth:

“Behold there are save two churches only; 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 [“whore” is speaking of immorality, polygamy, adultery, fornication, LGBTQIA+, lies, deceit that is rampant all over the earth] of all the earth.

11 And it came to pass that I looked and beheld the whore of all the earth, and she sat upon many waters; and she had dominion over all the earth, among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people.

12 And it came to pass that I beheld **the church of the Lamb of God**, and its numbers were few, because of the wickedness and abominations of the whore who sat upon many waters; nevertheless, I beheld that **the church of the Lamb**, who were the saints of God, were also upon all the face of the earth; and their dominions upon the face of the earth were small, because of the wickedness of the great whore whom I saw.

13 And it came to pass that I beheld that the great mother of abominations did gather together multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among all the nations of the Gentiles, to fight against the Lamb of God.

14 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld **the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth;** and they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory.”

(Book of Mormon | 1 Nephi 14:10 - 14)

This is my interpretation of this: **The only real true church on the earth today is “the church of the Lamb of God”** and it is not a church “made with hands” [that is to say a church made with money, tithes, or offerings’]. **It is a spiritual church** that has been gathering the true Saints of God from the days of Adam and Eve to the present time on both sides of the veil and will continue rolling forward, even during the Millennium, which is a Terrestrial state. Another name for the church of the Lamb of God is the Church of Enoch or the Church of the Firstborn [meaning those who are truly “born of God,” of a celestial mind and heart, and walk by faith alone in holiness of character, in honesty, virtue and righteousness].

The other church is called the “church of the devil,” which symbolizes every church “made with hands” via “money” and though they may do many good things of service on the earth today, **they have all been lulled away into false securities** for their salvation is really of a Telesstial or Terrestrial nature [D&C 76:71-112] because they worship ‘formalism,’ “graven images,” of things “made with hands,” and money and hold on to “false beliefs” for their salvation. The hypocrisy in the USA is that we print monies with the words “In God We Trust” on our paper and coin which has a good connotation but we don’t live the consecrated life that Christ lived, without purse or script. All Churches today build their empires on the monies from tithes and offerings which shows how Satan shrewdly lulls them away into false securities. The very literal foundations of all churches, temples, schools, all institutions, and businesses are built on the foundation of monies that Satan introduced to a fallen world. Remember “Satan” is a metaphor for the fallen and the carnal nature of man. We have all been infected to some degree.

We need to wake up and become aware of the fact we are in a Telesstial or Terrestrial bondage [Isiah 52:1; Romans 13:8-14; 2 Nephi 1:13,23 and Alma 32:7-43]. We need to learn to nurture every attribute of godliness found in Lectures on Faith, which was the doctrine of Christ taught in the early restoration and come back in mind and heart to the “tree of life” [which symbolically represents every person’s inner potential to become as Father is by faith alone through the attributes, character, and the perfection of godliness]. [See D&C 82: 10-20 and LDS Bible Dictionary, Holiness]. This is the bottom line as I see it.

There are two perfect systems in place in the mortal world we live in. They are both spiritual and temporal [meaning our spiritual body and our mortal body]. One could symbolize the "Tree of Life" and the other the "Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil." Both are metaphors for what the Book of Mormon calls “two churches only”

on the face of the whole earth. The one is called the **“church of the Lamb of God”** and the other is called the “church of the devil” (1 Nephi 14:10). The 1st mentioned represents “True Freedom” and the 2nd represents “True Bondage.” [“Bondage” as in, our progression stops because of our personal choices].

I will share what "True Freedom" really is to me. When we embrace the "Tree of Life" or immerse ourselves in it, it looks like this:

1st. We become aware that true personal Freedom exists innately in us, its purpose is to free us literally and spiritually from the blood and sins of all generations, all the way back to Adam and Eve. This is what “coming unto Christ” really means.

2nd. We covenant with ourselves, our Father in Heaven and Christ, and those who in the past, present, and future to love Father [godliness of character] with all our might, mind, and strength [heart] and our neighbor as ourselves. And this is the covenant with Father and Christ: to be honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous... which is a moral stand of true morality defined by Father and Christ through holy men, not fallen man, and it is this: (You must read each reference to understand Father and Christ’s morality!) [D&C 42:18-29; 49:16; Matt. 19:3-9; 2 Timothy 3:1-7; Romans 1:21-32; D&C 121:45-46] This includes all LGBTQIA lifestyles, which is an abomination to Christ and Father.

3rd. We then immerse ourselves, in mind, and heart into the attributes, character, and the perfecting of these attributes or fruits of the Spirit [Galatians 5:22-26 and Ephesians 5:9] and we do it with the whole soul [Spirit, Mind, and Body]!

4th. We recognize a change is taking place in us, for we have obeyed Christ's literal words and have been **"born of water"** [John 3:5-8] which is the watery womb of mortal birth, and are now seeking daily to be "born of the Spirit" which is our literal immersion into the "fruits of the Spirit," [Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 5:9] in spirit, mind, and body and continue in that holy relationship and covenant every moment of every day! For **“the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him”** (New Testament | John 4:23).

The “tree of knowledge of Good and Evil” is a metaphor for “Bondage.” It embraces those who are in “bondage” to a Terrestrial and Telestial mindset, from the choices

and beliefs they embrace, and think are absolute to their salvation. This is what the scriptures say about it:

“And the glory of the telestial is one, even as the glory of the stars is one; for as one star differs from another star in glory, even so differs one from another in glory in the telestial world;

99 For these are they who are of Paul, and of Apollos, and of Cephas.

100 These are they who say they are some of one and some of another—some of Christ and some of John, and some of Moses, and some of Elias, and some of Esaias, and some of Isaiah, and some of Enoch;”

(Doctrine and Covenants | Section 76:98 - 100)

This is about all religious denominations, “some of one” and “some of another,” in the Telestial Glory. Do we say The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is of Christ? We do, so what is the difference between a Telestial person who believes in Christ and a Celestial person who believes in Christ? It’s all about personal beliefs, or how we interpret salvation from the scriptures. For example, the “letter of the law” versus the “spirit of the law.” Can we serve both masters and make it to Celestial Glory with Father? No...

“No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

(New Testament | Luke 16:13)

The **“spirit of the law”** is the “everlasting covenant” [Genesis 9:16; D&C 22; 45:9] and has been in play, and in existence before the earth was formed and before ordinances and ceremonies ever came into existence, and before “altars,” and temples, “made with hands” were created by man. The **“spirit of the law”** is everlasting because it is the same “law” yesterday, today, and forever. The **“spirit of the law”** is no respecter of persons. The same **“spirit of the law”** enabled the 1st God that came into glory, and it is innate to each one of us, making us co-equal and co-eternal with all Elohim, and Christ and it is so simple and profound, that children who are nurtured by its tenderness during the Millenium will grow up without sin and receive their resurrection. It is the **“spirit of the law”** that seals and binds us all together in pure unconditional love, it is the true sealing power of Elijah! All we need to do is immerse our thoughts, words, and deeds in the attributes, character, and perfections of godliness and holiness through the “effects

of faith” alone. This is the “everlasting covenant” before we came to earth to get a mortal body, and the reason we are here is to bring the mortal body into harmony with the **“spirit of the law,”** so we can return back into Father’s presence and be one with him through this “everlasting covenant.” This **“spirit of the law”** will never fail, it is the true worship of true worshipers!

The Subtleness of Satan's Empire on Earth

Part 4

We are all accountable for our own sins and not Adam's transgressions or anyone else's. That does not negate the fact that we must learn to be "merciful," which divine attribute of "mercy," is "repentance" from our own sins and carnal and fallen nature or false beliefs. "Mercy" is also the divine attribute of forgiveness. When we learn to "forgive" our neighbor as ourselves, it removes or erases our selfish ungodly nature and our divine love goes all the way back to all our past, present, and into future generations and truly frees us! "Mercy" is the godly spiritual attribute that works for all the dead, past, present, and future that will seal us together as an eternal family, through the **"spirit of the law."** This is our true temple work and worship we do for the dead. It is the true spirit of Elijah that "turns the hearts of the fathers to the children and children to the fathers! [Malachi 4:5-6; 3 Nephi 25:5-6; D&C 26:9; 98:15-17]. It is amazing how "Mercy" and "Justice" can work in us each moment of every day!

So, even though we live in "spiritual Babylon," [D&C 133:14] a fallen and corrupted world, where every religion has corrupted itself with all kinds of formalism, where "good and evil" exist together in a symbiotic, "lukewarm" relationship where lies, deception, false doctrines, and immorality are everywhere around us and the "love of money," which is the "root of all evil" is the "mark of the beast," which puts the mark of "bondage" on us all, each time we "buy, sell, and trade," for our basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. "Good and evil" are manifest everywhere. [Revelations 16:2 and 19:17-21]. So, how do we escape it?

That is a profound question. How do we come out of "spiritual Babylon," or the "lone and dreary world?" How do we really escape it? The answer is simple!

1. We become **aware of our awful situation** [Mosiah 2:40-41] until Christ comes in glory to us individually or collectively! **And right now, at this moment, we can make a personal covenant with ourselves, Father and Christ as mentioned above by partaking only from the fruit from the "Tree of Life" "within us"** and become "one" with them in Holiness of Spirit, divine nature [2 Peter 4-10], the best we can until He comes in Glory, wherein we can then wash our hands of "spiritual Babylon's" corruption and bondage!

So, whatever the “outward laws” of “formalism” we are observing, and there are many forms of it in this world of Spiritual Babylon, the “lone and dreary world,” which includes all organized religions, [yep, that is right, all organized religions “made with hand” are part of “spiritual Babylon”] what really matters is this, [Brackets added for clarity]:

“Behold, thou art called a Jew, [Gentile, Mormon, LDS, Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, all religious denominations, all people including LGBTQIA] and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

18 And knowest *his* will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;

19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the **form** of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? [Thou that sayest a man should not blame others or gossip, dost thou?]

23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

25 For circumcision [or baptism in water by one with authority] verily profiteth, **if thou keep the law**: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision [or baptism] is made uncircumcision [unbaptism].

26 Therefore if the uncircumcision [unbaptized] keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision [unbaptism] be counted for circumcision? [YES! Absolutely]

27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

28 For he is not a Jew, [LDS/Mormon, Christian, etc.] which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he *is* a Jew, [Gentile, Mormon, LDS, Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, All religious denominations] **which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.**” (New Testament | Romans 2:17 - 29).

Paul is speaking to us all and he is saying it is the “heart” or **“the spirit of the law,”** “inwardly” which is what really counts in our salvation back to Father. It is “not in the letter,” which elevates man’s pride and fallen nature. The only way to combat the subtleness and sacrilege of Satan’s Empire is to worship in the true temple of our Father. How do we worship in the true temple of our Father?

1st you will recognize that you are the true temple! Therefore, we immerse ourselves in unconditional love for our Father in Heaven, for Christ, ourselves, and our neighbors. Unconditional love means that we sacrifice all our carnal nature and false beliefs, every bit of it, for no unclean person can enter into the kingdom of our Father. So, we repent and forgive. We live and breathe the two great commandments Christ taught and take this personally, to "love your enemies and bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you..." [Matthew 5: 43-48] We live and breathe the Sermon on the Mount, the words of Christ and obey the 10 Commandments! Any person can do this with or without organized or unorganized religion, from any race, for **our Father in Heaven is no respecter of persons** but of a divine, virtuous, and holy character only! This is how we become "one" with Him and this fulfills the words of Christ: "Except a man be **born of water** [which is our immersion into the watery womb of mortal birth] **and of the Spirit** [which is our immersion into unconditional love, virtue, and honesty] "he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." [John 3:1-13].

ⁱ This is the covenant of the Celestial order that can be made here in mortality or in the Spirit World by anyone, for The Father and Christ are no respecter of persons but of a divine and holy character. Here is the covenant: I acknowledge that I am or have been born into a mortal world called “Spiritual Babylon,” also known as the “lone and dreary world,” and its tentacles are seen in the money systems of greed, pride, covetousness, and immorality [bondage]. I, therefore covenant within myself and with the Father and Christ and my neighbors [past, present, and future, through all generations] with all my mind, heart, and soul to immerse myself into the attributes, character, and perfections of godliness, to be full of unconditional love [charity], honest, and true. chase, benevolent, virtuous, moral, without gossip or blame, or bearing false witness and obeying the 10 Commandants and lessons & principles taught in the Sermon on the Mount, forgiving all past, present, and future generations of the bondage they knowingly or unknowingly put themselves, or their families into. This is how I do true temple work for myself and for the dead and is the true spirit of Elijah and how I sanctify and consecrate myself and become “holy” as Father and Christ is

*“holy” here in mortality, or in the Spirit World. I will render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s while here in mortality and to God the things that are Gods. Knowing that I am not accountable for how Caesar [which represents all the principalities and powers here on earth, including all churches “made with hands”], how they choose to use my taxes or my tithes and offerings is their accountability and they will answer for it. I am only accountable for the spiritual covenant of consecration I make within myself and Father and how I treat my neighbor [the whole family of Elohim]. And if the time ever arose to live the “united order,” which is the temporal law and the spiritual law bound together in holy consecration, I would act upon it with my whole mind, heart, and soul, but until that day comes in the flesh, I will remain in the personal covenant of consecration to the spirit of the law--- the immersion of Spirit, Mind, and Body into the attributes, character, and perfections of godliness. This is our Celestial inheritance [D&C 137:5-10; Moroni 8:8-*22; D&C 22:1-4] and our Celestial birthright that I believe can be experienced here in mortality, read this:*

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