

*James 2:14-26*

**Brigham Young, *Deseret News*, 15 October 1856, 252; & 10 December 1856, 320.**

I will tell you all that your faith, religion, and profession of religion, will never save one soul of you in the celestial kingdom of God, unless you carry out just such principles as I am now teaching you. Go and bring in those people now on the plains.... When those persons arrive I do not want to see them put into houses by themselves; I want to have them distributed ...among the families that have good and comfortable houses; and I wish the sisters now before me, and all who know how and can, to nurse and wait upon the new comers... those things are a part of my religion, for it pertains to taking care of the Saints.... The afternoon meeting will be omitted, for I wish the sisters to go home and prepare to give those who just arrived a mouthful of something to eat, and to wash them and nurse them up. You know that I would give more for a dish of pudding and milk, or a baked potato and salt, were I in the situation of those persons ... than I would for all your prayers, though you were to stay here all the afternoon and pray. Prayer is good, but when baked potatoes and pudding and milk are needed, prayer will not supply their place on this occasion; give every duty its proper time and place.

(Cf. Mosiah 4:26; D&C 42:31-32; 88:123)

*Matthew 12:31-32*

**Joseph Smith, *History of the Church*, 6:314.**

All sins shall be forgiven, except the sin against the Holy Ghost; for Jesus will save all except the sons of perdition. What must a man do to commit the unpardonable sin? He must receive the Holy Ghost, have the heavens opened unto him, and know God, and then sin against him. After a man has sinned against the Holy Ghost, there is no repentance for him. He has got to say that the sun does not shine while he sees it; he has got to deny Jesus Christ when the heavens have been opened unto him, and to deny the plan of salvation with his eyes open to the truth of it; and from that time he begins to be an enemy.

(Cf. D&C 76:31-37; 132:27; Moses 5:18-26)

*Matthew 3:16*

**Joseph Smith, Jr., *TPJS*, 276.**

The sign of the dove was instituted before the creation of the world, a witness of the Holy Ghost, and the devil cannot come in the sign of the dove. The Holy Ghost is a personage, and is in the form of a personage. It does not confine itself to the form of the dove, but in *sign* of the dove. The Holy Ghost cannot be transformed into a dove; but the sign of a dove was given to John to signify the truth of the deed, as the dove is an emblem or token of truth and innocence.

(Cf. John 1:32-34; 1 Nephi 11:11; D&C 77:2)

*Luke 2:40, 52*

**Joseph Smith, Jr., *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, 392.**

Even Jesus, the Son of God, had to refrain from [relating all the truth], and had to restrain His feelings many times for the safety of Himself and His followers, and had to conceal the righteous purposes of His heart in relation to many things pertaining to His Father's kingdom. When still a small boy He had all the intelligence necessary to enable Him to rule and govern the kingdom of the Jews, and could reason with the wisest and most profound doctors of law and divinity, and make their theories and practice to appear like folly compared with the wisdom He possessed; but He was a boy only, and lacked physical strength even to defend His own person; and was subject to cold, to hunger and to death.

(Cf. 2 Nephi 9:5; Mosiah 15:5-8; D&C 93:12-14, 19-20)

*Philippians 3:7-14*

**Joseph Smith, *Lectures on Faith*, 6:5, 7.**

For a man to lay down his all, his character and reputation, his honor, and applause, his good name among men, his houses, his lands, his brothers and sisters, his wife and children, and even his own life also – counting all things but filth and dross for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ – requires more than mere belief or supposition that he is doing the will of God; but actual knowledge, realizing that, when these sufferings are ended, he will enter into eternal rest, and be a partaker of the glory of God.... Let us here observe, that a religion that does not require the sacrifice of all things never has power sufficient to produce the faith necessary unto life and salvation; for, from the first existence of man, the faith necessary unto the enjoyment of life and salvation never could be obtained without the sacrifice of all earthly things.

(Cf. Job 13:13-16, 19:25-26; 2 Corinthians 11:24-31; D&C 122:7-8)

*Acts 17:28-29*

**Brigham Young, *Discourses of Brigham Young*, 50.**

I want to tell you; each and every one of you that you are well acquainted with God our Heavenly Father, or the great Elohim. You are all well acquainted with him, for there is not a soul of you but what has lived in his house and dwelt with him year after year ... the fact is, you have merely forgotten what you did know. There is not a person ... but what is a son or a daughter of that Being. In the spirit world their spirits were first begotten and brought forth, and they lived there with their parents for ages before they came here.

(Cf. Genesis 2:24; Mal. 2:10; Ephesians 4:6; Hebrews 12:9)

*John 10:3-4, 14, 27*

**Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, 16:74-75.**

How, in the language of Scripture, are we to know the voice of the Good Shepherd from the voice of the stranger? To every philosopher upon the earth, I say, "Your eye can be deceived ... your ear can be deceived ... the touch of your hand can be deceived ... but the Spirit of God filling the creature with revelation and the light of eternity, cannot be mistaken – the revelation which occurs from God is never mistaken." It is the spirit of truth, and it testifies of Jesus, of his Father, of the things which God has done for the children of men, and that which he is now doing. No man upon the earth can be mistaken when he sees by the eye of revelation when Jesus shines upon his understanding by the light of his Spirit.... When an individual, filled with the Spirit of God, declares the truth of heaven, the sheep hear that, the Spirit of the Lord pierces their inmost souls and sinks deep into their hearts; by the testimony of the Holy Ghost light springs up within them, and they see and understand for themselves.... If we would know the voice of the Good Shepherd, we must live so that the Spirit of the Lord can find its way to our hearts.... I have said to the Latter-day Saints ... live your religion that the Spirit of God may be within you like a well of water springing up to everlasting life.

(Cf. Psalms 23; John 4:10-14; Mosiah 26:21; Alma 5:38-40; D&C 1:38; 18:34-36)

*Romans 7:21-25*

**Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, 9:287-88.**

We have to fight continually, as it were, sword in hand to make the spirit master of the tabernacle, or the flesh subject to the law of the spirit. If this warfare is not diligently prosecuted, then the law of sin prevails.... The rule of the flesh brings darkness and death, while, on the other hand, the rule of the Spirit brings light and life. When through the gospel, the Spirit in man has so subdued the flesh that he can live without willful transgression, the Spirit of God unites with his spirit, they become congenial companions, and the mind and will of the Creator is thus transmitted to the creature. Did their spirits have their choice there is not a son or daughter of Adam and Eve on the earth but what would be obedient to the Gospel of salvation, and redeem their bodies to exaltation and glory. But there is a constant warfare between them, still they must remain together, be saved and exalted together, or neither of them will be saved and exalted with the salvation and the exaltation which the Gospel offers.

(Cf. Mosiah 15:5-7; Alma 38:12; D&C 93:33)

*Galatians 6:7-8*

**John Taylor, *Journal of Discourses*, 26:30.**

There exists all manner of curious opinions about God, and many people think it impossible for him to take cognizance of all men, but that is very easily done. If I had time to enter into this subject alone I could show you upon scientific principles that man himself is a self-registering machine, his eyes, his ears, his nose, the touch, the taste, and all the various senses of the body, are so many media whereby man lays up for himself a record which perhaps nobody else is acquainted with but himself; and when the time comes for that record to be unfolded all men that have eyes to see, and ears to hear, will be able to read all things as God himself reads them and comprehends them, and all things, we are told, are naked and open before him with whom we have to do.

(Cf. Isaiah 3:9; Revelations 20:12-13; Alma 41:3-15; D&C 88:28)

*Matthew 27:46*

**James E. Talmage, *Jesus The Christ*, 662.**

It seems that in addition to the fearful suffering incident to crucifixion, the agony of Gethsemane had recurred, intensified beyond human power to endure. In that bitterest hour the dying Christ was alone, alone in the most terrible reality. That the supreme sacrifice of the Son might be consummated in all its fullness, the Father seems to have withdrawn the support of His immediate Presence, leaving to the Savior of men the glory of complete victory over the forces of sin and death.

(Cf. Mosiah 15:5-9; D&C 88:6; 122:8; 133:46-50)

*Luke 24:13-34*

**Alonzo A. Hinckley, *Conference Report*, April 1917, 93-94.**

I say, our mission is not only to proclaim, but to live as witnesses who have received the truth, and who love the truth. And if we live the truth, my brothers and sisters, no man can come within the circle of our influence without being impressed with the fact – somewhat after the same spirit as the disciples, when the Master met them on the way to Emmaus, and when they walked with him. The Scripture says, 'Their eyes were holden,' and when he came in and broke bread with them, then they beheld, and it was revealed unto them positively who it was. Then, in counseling with them, they said, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us?' So it will be with you, so it will be with me, so it will be with every man who, having received the light, walks in the light.

(Cf. Matthew 5:13-16; Alma 5:14; Alma 18:10-11; D&C 84:57-58)

*Matthew 22:23-33*

**James E. Talmage, *Jesus the Christ*, 548.**

The Lord's meaning was clear, that in the resurrected state there can be no question among the seven brothers as to whose wife for eternity the woman shall be, since all except the first had married her for the duration of mortal life only, and primarily for the purpose of perpetuating in mortality the name and family of the brother who first died.... In the resurrection there will be no marrying nor giving in marriage; for all questions of marital status must be settled before that time, under the authority of the Holy Priesthood, which holds the power to seal in marriage for both time and eternity.

(Cf. Mark 10:4-9; 1 Corinthians 11:7-12; D&C 132:15-21; )

*Matthew 4:3-10*

**David O McKay, *Conference Report*, October 1911, 59.**

Now, nearly every temptation that comes to you and me comes in one of those forms. Classify them, and you will find that under one of those three nearly every given temptation that makes you and me spotted, ever so little maybe, comes to us as (1) *a temptation of the appetite*; (2) a yielding to the pride and fashion and vanity of those alienated from the things of God; or (3) a gratifying of the passion, or a desire for the riches of the world, or power among men.

(Cf. 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Nephi 28:20-22)

*Revelation 19:9-10*

**Joseph Smith, Jr., *Documentary History of the Church*, 3:389-90.**

Salvation cannot come without revelation; it is in vain for anyone to minister without it. No man is a minister of Jesus Christ without being a prophet. No man can be a minister of Jesus Christ except he has the testimony of Jesus; and this is the spirit of prophecy. Whenever salvation has been administered it has been by testimony.

***Documentary History of the Church*, 5:215-16**

...if I profess to be a witness or a teacher, and have not the spirit of prophecy, which is the testimony of Jesus, I must be a false witness; but if I be a true teacher and witness, I must possess the spirit of prophecy, and that constitutes a prophet; and any man who says he is a teacher or a preacher of righteousness, and denies the spirit of prophecy, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; and by this key false teachers and imposters may be detected.

(Cf. Joel 2:28; 2 Nephi 25:4; D&C 11:25)

*Matthew 25:1-13*

**Wilford Woodruff, *Journal of Discourses*, 22:208.**

Now the question is, how can we keep oil in our lamps? By keeping the commandments of God, Remembering our prayers, doing as we are told by the revelations of Jesus Christ, and otherwise assisting in building up Zion. When we are laboring for the kingdom of God, we will have oil in our lamps, our light will shine and we will feel the testimony of the spirit of God. On the other hand, if we set our hearts upon the things of the world and seek for the honors of men, we shall walk in the dark and not in the light. If we do not value our priesthood, and the work of his priesthood, the building up of the kingdom of God... if we do not feel that these things are more valuable to us than the things of the world, we will have no oil in our lamps, no light, and we shall fail to be present at the marriage supper of the lamb.

(Cf. Proverbs 6:23; D&C 45:56-59; 58:7-11)

*Matthew 7:2*

**Joseph Smith Jr., *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, 214 (HC 4:445-446).**

I charged the Saints not to follow the example of the adversary in accusing the brethren, and said, "If you do not accuse each other, God will not accuse you. If you have no accuser you will enter heaven, and if you will follow the revelations and instructions which God gives you through me, I will take you into heaven as my back load. If you will not accuse me, I will not accuse you. If you will throw a cloak of charity over my sins, I will over yours—for charity covereth a multitude of sins. What many people call sin is not sin; I do many things to break down superstition, and I will break it down.

(Cf. Leviticus 19:18; Matt. 6:14-15; D&C 1:10; 21:4-6; 28:2-7; 135:3)

*John 8:31-32*

**Joseph F. Smith, *Gospel Doctrine*, 1.**

Our hope of salvation must be founded upon the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, for we cannot build upon error and ascend into the courts of eternal truth and enjoy the glory and exaltation of the kingdom of our God.... We are willing to receive all truth, from whatever source it may come; for truth will stand, truth will endure.... Truth is at the foundation, at the bottom and top of, and it entirely permeates this great work of the Lord that was established through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, the prophet.

(John 3:21; D&C 84:45; 93:24; 105:5)

*Matthew 13:3-50*

**Joseph Smith Jr., *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, 96-98.**

...the sayings of the Savior [Matthew 13] ... afforded us a clear understanding upon the important subject of the gathering, as anything recorded in the Bible.... [vv. 3-8] it has an allusion directly, to the commencement, or the setting up of the Kingdom in that age.... Now we learn by this parable, not only the setting up of the Kingdom in the days of the Savior, which is represented by the good seed, which produced fruit, but also the corruptions of the Church, which are represented by the tares, which were sown by the enemy.... [vv. 31-32] The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a mustard seed. Behold then is not this the Kingdom of Heaven that is raising its head in the last days in the majesty of its God, even the Church of the Latter-day Saints.... We discover plainly that this figure is given to represent the Church as it shall come forth in the last days.... The Book of Mormon.... Is truth, and it has sprouted and come forth out of the earth and the fowls are the angels. Thus angels come down, combine together to gather their children and gather them.... When these things are done the son of Man will descend.... [v. 33] It may be understood that the Church of the Latter-day saints has taken its rise from a little leaven that was put into three witnesses. Behold, how much this like the parable

(Cf. Isaiah 29:4, 11-12; D&C 86:1-4)

*Luke 24:36-39*

**Joseph F. Smith, *Improvement Era*, June 1904, 623-24, *Gospel Doctrine*, 23, 447.**

The elements which compose this temporal body will not perish, will not cease to exist, but in the day of the resurrection these elements will come together again, bone to bone, and flesh. The body will come forth as it is laid to rest, for there is no growth or development in the grave. As it is laid down, so will it arise, and changes to perfection will come by the law of restitution. But spirit will continue to expand and develop, and the body, after the resurrection will develop[ to the full stature of man.... We will see each other in the flesh, in the same tabernacles that we have here while in mortality. Our tabernacles will be brought forth as they are laid down, although there will be restoration effected; every organ, every limb that has been maimed, every deformity caused by accident or in any other way, will be restored and put right.... Those from whom we depart here, we will see as they are. We will meet the same identical being that we associated with here in the flesh—not some other soul, some other being, or the same being in some other form, but the same identity and the same form and likeness, the same person we knew and were associated with in our mortal existence, even to the wounds in the flesh. Not that that person will always be marred by scars, deformities, defects or infirmities, for these will be removed in their course, in their proper time, according to the merciful providence of God.

(Cf. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22; 2 Nephi 9:12-13; Alma 11:42-43; D&C 88:28)

*Matthew 10:28*

**Joseph F. Smith, *Gospel Doctrine*, 337.**

I feel in my heart to forgive all men in the broad sense that God requires of me to forgive all men, and I desire to love my neighbor as myself; and to this extent I bear no malice toward any of the children of my Father. But there are enemies to the Son of God.... But they are not and cannot become my bosom companions. I cannot condescend to that. While I would not harm a hair of their heads, while I would not throw a straw in their path to hinder them from turning from the error of their way to the light of truth; I would as soon think of taking a centipede or a scorpion, or any poisonous reptile, and putting it into my bosom, as I would think of becoming a companion or an associate of such men.

(Cf. Matthew 5:44-46; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; D&C 98:28-31)

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