

## Contradictions in Mormon Doctrines

What the Bible Says	Book of Mormon	D & C/PoGP
1. <i>One God</i> Deuteronomy 4:35, 2 Samuel 7:22, Isaiah 43:10-11, Isaiah 44:6, Mark 12:32, 1 Corinthians 8:4	<i>One God</i> Alma 11:28-29, 44, 2 Nephi 31:21, Mormon 7:7, 3 Nephi 11:27, Mosiah 15:3-5, Ether 2:8	<i>Plural Gods</i> D & C 121:32, 132:18-20, 37
2. <i>God is Unchangeable</i> Psalms 102:27, Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 1:12	<i>God is Unchangeable</i> Mormon 9:9, 19, Moroni 8:12, 18, 2 Nephi 27:23, Alma 31:17	<i>God has progressed</i> D & C: 132:18-20
3. <i>God is a Spirit</i> John 4:24	<i>God is a Spirit</i> Alma 34:36	<i>God has a body</i> D & C 130:22
4. <i>God dwells in the heart</i> John 14:23	<i>God dwells in the heart</i> Alma 34:36	<i>God doesn't dwell in heart</i> D & C 130:3
5. <i>Creation: One God</i> Malachi 2:10	<i>Creation: One God</i> 2 Nephi 2:14, Jacob 4:9	<i>Creation: Plural Gods</i> PoGP:Abraham 4-5
6. <i>God Cannot Lie</i> Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2	<i>God Cannot Lie</i> Ether 3:12, 2 Nephi 9:34	<i>God Commands Lying</i> PoGP:Abraham 2:22-25
7. <i>God's Word Unchangeable</i> Psalms 119:142, 144	<i>God's Word Unchangeable</i> Alma 41:8	<i>God's Word Can Change</i> D & C 56:4-5
8. <i>No Pre-existence of Man</i> Ecclesiastes 3:11, 1 Corinthians 15:45	<i>No Pre-existence of Man</i> Jacob 4:9, Alma 18:28, Alma 34-36	<i>Man Pre-existed</i> D & C 93:23, 29-33, PoGP:Abraham 3:18, 21-23
9. <i>Death Seals Man's Fate</i> Hebrews 9:27	<i>Death Seals Man's Fate</i> Mosiah 2:36-39, Alma 34:32-35	<i>Chance after Death</i> D & C 76:106-112, 88-99
10. <i>Saved without baptism</i> Luke 23:41-43	<i>Saved without baptism</i> Moroni 8:22-23, 2 Nephi 9:25-26, Mosiah 15:24-27	<i>Baptism for dead</i> D & C 128:5, 17-18
11. <i>Heaven or Hell</i> Matthew 10:28, Matthew 18:9, Matthew 25:46, John 3:16-18	<i>Heaven or Hell</i> 2 Nephi 28:22, 1 Nephi 15:35, Mosiah 16:11, 27:31, Alma 41:4-8, 42:16	<i>3 Kingdoms in Heaven only</i> D & C 76:43, 70-112
12. <i>Murder can be forgiven</i> Matthew 12:31	<i>Murder can be forgiven</i> 3 Nephi 30:2	<i>Murder cannot be forgiven</i> D & C 42:18
13. <i>Polygamy Condemned</i> 1 Timothy 3:2, 12	<i>Polygamy Condemned</i> Jacob 1:15, 2:24, 3:5, Mosiah 11:2	<i>Polygamy Commanded</i> D & C 132:1, 37-39, 61
14. <i>For Paid Ministry</i> Romans 13:6-7	<i>Against Paid Ministry</i> 2 Nephi 26:31, Mosiah 27:5	<i>For Paid Ministry</i> D & C 42:71-73, 43:12-13, 51:13-14
15. <i>Money cannot save you,</i> <i>Jesus: the <u>only</u> way</i> John 14:6, Acts 4:12	<i>Wicked Promise Forgiveness</i> <i>For Money</i> Mormon 8:32	<i>Tithed - Not Burn</i> D & C 64:23

## Verses

### *How many gods are there?*

#### **Bible:**

Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him. (*Deuteronomy 4:35*)

Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. (*2 Samuel 7:22*)

Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. (*Isaiah 43:10-11*)

Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. (*Isaiah 44:6*)

And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: (*Mark 12:32*)

things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. (*1 Corinthians 8:4*)

#### **Book of Mormon:**

Now Zeezrom said: Is there more than one God? And he answered, No. (*Alma 11:28-29*)  
and be arraigned before the bar of Christ the Son, and God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, which is one Eternal God, to be judged according to their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil. (*Alma 11:44*)

doctrine of Christ, and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God, without end. Amen. (*2 Nephi 31:21*)

praises with the choirs above, unto the Father, and unto the Son, and unto the Holy Ghost, which are one God, in a state of happiness which hath no end. (*Mormon 7:7*)

power of God; and the Son, because of the flesh; thus becoming the Father and Son--And they are one God, yea, the very Eternal Father of heaven and of earth. And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit, or the Son to the Father, being one God, (*Mosiah 15:3-5*)

of Jared, that whoso should possess this land of promise, from that time henceforth and forever, should serve him, the true and only God, or they should be swept off when the fulness of his wrath should come upon them. (*Ether 2:8*)

### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

According to that which was ordained in the midst of the Council of the Eternal God of all other gods before this world was, that should be reserved unto the finishing and the end thereof, when every man shall enter into his eternal presence and into his immortal rest. (*Section 121:32*)

And again, verily I say unto you, if a man marry a wife, and make a covenant with her for time and for all eternity, if that covenant is not by me or by my word, which is my law, and is not sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, through him whom I have anointed and appointed unto this power, then it is not valid neither of force when they are out of the world, because they are not joined by me, saith the Lord, neither by my word; when they are out of the world it cannot be received there, because the angels and the gods are appointed there, by whom they cannot pass; they cannot, therefore, inherit my glory; for my house is a house of order, saith the Lord God. And again, verily I say unto you, if a man marry a wife by my word, which is my law, and by the new and everlasting covenant, and it is sealed unto them by the Holy Spirit of promise, by him who is anointed, unto whom I have appointed this power and the keys of this priesthood; and it shall be said unto them--Ye shall come forth in the first resurrection; and if it be after the first resurrection, in the next resurrection; and shall inherit thrones, kingdoms, principalities, and powers, dominions, all heights and depths--then shall it be written in the Lamb's Book of Life, that he shall commit no murder whereby to shed innocent blood, and if ye abide in my covenant, and commit no murder whereby to shed innocent blood, it shall be done unto them in all things whatsoever my servant hath put upon them, in time, and through all eternity; and shall be of full force when they are out of the world; and they shall pass by the angels, and the gods, which are set there, to their exaltation and glory in all things, as hath been sealed upon their heads, which glory shall be a fulness and a continuation of the seeds forever and ever. Then shall they be gods, because they have no end; therefore shall they be from everlasting to everlasting, because they continue; then shall they be above all, because all things are subject unto them. Then shall they be gods, because they have all power, and the angels are subject unto them. (*Section 132:18-20*)

Abraham received concubines, and they bore him children; and it was accounted unto him for righteousness, because they were given unto him, and he abode in my law; as Isaac also and Jacob did none other things than that which they were commanded; and because they did none other things than that which they were commanded, they have entered into their exaltation, according to the promises, and sit upon thrones, and are not angels but are gods. (*Section 132:37*)

### ***Has God always been the same or is He changeable?***

#### **Bible:**

But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. (*Psalms 102:27*)

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. (*Malachi 3:6*)

And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. (*Hebrews 1:12*)

### **Book of Mormon:**

For do we not read that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and in him there is no variableness neither shadow of changing? (*Mormon 9:9*)

And if there were miracles wrought then, why has God ceased to be a God of miracles and yet be an unchangeable Being? And behold, I say unto you he changeth not; if so he would cease to be God; and he ceaseth not to be God, and is a God of miracles. (*Mormon 9:19*)

But little children are alive in Christ, even from the foundation of the world; if not so, God is a partial God, and also a changeable God, and a respecter to persons; for how many little children have died without baptism! (*Moroni 8:12*)

For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity. (*Moroni 8:18*)

For behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles; and I will show unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and I work not among the children of men save it be according to their faith. (*2 Nephi 27:23*)

But thou art the same yesterday, today, and forever; and thou hast elected us that we shall be saved, whilst all around us are elected to be cast by thy wrath down to hell; for the which holiness, O God, we thank thee; and we also thank thee that thou hast elected us, that we may not be led away after the foolish traditions of our brethren, which doth bind them down to a belief of Christ, which doth lead their hearts to wander far from thee, our God. (*Alma 31:17*)

### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

And again, verily I say unto you, if a man marry a wife, and make a covenant with her for time and for all eternity, if that covenant is not by me or by my word, which is my law, and is not sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, through him whom I have anointed and appointed unto this power, then it is not valid neither of force when they are out of the world, because they are not joined by me, saith the Lord, neither by my word; when they are out of the world it cannot be received there, because the angels and the gods are appointed there, by whom they cannot pass; they cannot, therefore, inherit my glory; for my house is a house of order, saith the Lord God. And again, verily I say unto you, if a man marry a wife by my word, which is my law, and by the new and everlasting covenant, and it is sealed unto them by the Holy Spirit of promise, by him who is anointed, unto whom I have appointed this power and the keys of this priesthood; and it shall be said unto them--Ye shall come forth in the first resurrection; and if it be after the first resurrection, in the next resurrection; and shall inherit thrones, kingdoms, principalities, and powers, dominions, all heights and depths--then shall it be written in the Lamb's Book of Life, that he shall commit no murder whereby to shed innocent blood, and if ye abide in my covenant, and commit no murder whereby to shed innocent blood, it shall be done unto them in all things whatsoever my servant hath put upon them, in time, and through all

eternity; and shall be of full force when they are out of the world; and they shall pass by the angels, and the gods, which are set there, to their exaltation and glory in all things, as hath been sealed upon their heads, which glory shall be a fulness and a continuation of the seeds forever and ever. Then shall they be gods, because they have no end; therefore shall they be from everlasting to everlasting, because they continue; then shall they be above all, because all things are subject unto them. Then shall they be gods, because they have all power, and the angels are subject unto them. (*Section 132:18-20*)

### ***Is God a spirit?***

#### **Bible:**

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (*John 4:24*)

#### **Book of Mormon:**

And then Ammon said: Believest thou that there is a Great Spirit? And he said, Yea. And Ammon said: This is God. And Ammon said unto him again: Believest thou that this Great Spirit, who is God, created all things which are in heaven and in the earth? (*Alma 18:26-28*)

And now when Aaron heard this, his heart began to rejoice, and he said: Behold, assuredly as thou livest, O king, there is a God. And the king said: Is God that Great Spirit that brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem? And Aaron said unto him: Yea, he is that Great Spirit, and he created all things both in heaven and in earth. Believest thou this? And he said: Yea, I believe that the Great Spirit created all things, and I desire that ye should tell me concerning all these things, and I will believe thy words. (*Alma 22:8-11*)

#### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also; but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us. (*Section 130:22*)

### ***Does God dwell in the heart?***

#### **Bible:**

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (*John 14:23*)

#### **Book of Mormon:**

And this I know, because the Lord hath said he dwelleth not in unholy temples, but in the hearts of the righteous doth he dwell; yea, and he has also said that the righteous shall sit

down in his kingdom, to go no more out; but their garments should be made white through the blood of the Lamb. (*Alma 34:36*)

### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

John 14:23--The appearing of the Father and the Son, in that verse, is a personal appearance; and the idea that the Father and the Son dwell in a man's heart is an old sectarian notion, and is false. (*Section 130:3*)

## ***Creation: How many Gods?***

### **Bible:**

Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? (*Malachi 2:10*)

### **Book of Mormon:**

And now, my sons, I speak unto you these things for your profit and learning; for there is a God, and he hath created all things, both the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are, both things to act and things to be acted upon. (*2 Nephi 2:14*)

For behold, by the power of his word man came upon the face of the earth, which earth was created by the power of his word. Wherefore, if God being able to speak and the world was, and to speak and man was created, O then, why not able to command the earth, or the workmanship of his hands upon the face of it, according to his will and pleasure? (*Jacob 4:9*)

### **Pearl of Great Price:**

And then the Lord said: Let us go down. And they went down at the beginning, and they, that is the Gods, organized and formed the heavens and the earth. (*Abraham 4:1*)

And the Gods came down and formed these the generations of the heavens and of the earth, when they were formed in the day that the Gods formed the earth and the heavens, (*Abraham 5:4*)

## ***Can God lie?***

### **Bible:**

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (*Numbers 23:19*)

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; (*Titus 1:2*)

**Book of Mormon:**

And he answered: Yea, Lord, I know that thou speakest the truth, for thou art a God of truth, and canst not lie. (*Ether 3:12*)

Wo unto the liar, for he shall be thrust down to hell. (*2 Nephi 9:34*)

**Pearl of Great Price:**

And it came to pass when I was come near to enter into Egypt, the Lord said unto me: “Behold, Sarai, thy wife, is a very fair woman to look upon; Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see her, they will say--She is his wife; and they will kill you, but they will save her alive; therefore see that ye do on this wise: Let her say unto the Egyptians, she is thy sister, and thy soul shall live.” And it came to pass that I, Abraham, told Sarai, my wife, all that the Lord had said unto me--Therefore say unto them, I pray thee, thou art my sister, that it may be well with me for thy sake, and my soul shall live because of thee. (*Abraham 2:22-25*)

***Is God’s word unchangeable?***

**Bible:**

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. (*Psalms 119:142*)

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live. (*Psalms 119:144*)

**Book of Mormon:**

Now, the decrees of God are unalterable; therefore, the way is prepared that whosoever will may walk therein and be saved. (*Alma 41:8*)

**Doctrine and Covenants:**

Wherefore I, the Lord, command and revoke, as it seemeth me good; and all this to be answered upon the heads of the rebellious, saith the Lord. Wherefore, I revoke the commandment which was given unto my servants Thomas B. Marsh and Ezra Thayre, and give a new commandment unto my servant Thomas, that he shall take up his journey speedily to the land of Missouri, and my servant Selah J. Griffin shall also go with him. (*Section 56:4-5*)

***Does man pre-exist?***

**Bible:**

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. (*Ecclesiastes 3:11*)

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. (*1 Corinthians 15:45*)

### **Book of Mormon:**

For behold, by the power of his word man came upon the face of the earth, which earth was created by the power of his word. Wherefore, if God being able to speak and the world was, and to speak and man was created, O then, why not able to command the earth, or the workmanship of his hands upon the face of it, according to his will and pleasure? (*Jacob 4:9*)

And Ammon said: This is God. And Ammon said unto him again: Believest thou that this Great Spirit, who is God, created all things which are in heaven and in the earth? (*Alma 18:28*)

Ammon said unto him: I am a man; and man in the beginning was created after the image of God, and I am called by his Holy Spirit to teach these things unto this people, that they may be brought to a knowledge of that which is just and true; And a portion of that Spirit dwelleth in me, which giveth me knowledge, and also power according to my faith and desires which are in God. Now when Ammon had said these words, he began at the creation of the world, and also the creation of Adam, and told him all the things concerning the fall of man, and rehearsed and laid before him the records and the holy scriptures of the people, which had been spoken by the prophets, even down to the time that their father, Lehi, left Jerusalem. (*Alma 18:34-36*)

### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

Ye were also in the beginning with the Father; that which is Spirit, even the Spirit of truth; (*Section 93:23*)

Man was also in the beginning with God. Intelligence, or the light of truth, was not created or made, neither indeed can be. All truth is independent in that sphere in which God has placed it, to act for itself, as all intelligence also; otherwise there is no existence. Behold, here is the agency of man, and here is the condemnation of man; because that which was from the beginning is plainly manifest unto them, and they receive not the light. And every man whose spirit receiveth not the light is under condemnation. For man is spirit. The elements are eternal, and spirit and element, inseparably connected, receive a fulness of joy; (*Section 93:29-33*)

### **Pearl of Great Price:**

Howbeit that he made the greater star; as, also, if there be two spirits, and one shall be more intelligent than the other, yet these two spirits, notwithstanding one is more intelligent than the other, have no beginning; they existed before, they shall have no end, they shall exist after, for they are gnolaum, or eternal. (*Abraham 3:18*)

I dwell in the midst of them all; I now, therefore, have come down unto thee to deliver unto thee the works which my hands have made, wherein my wisdom excelleth them all,

for I rule in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath, in all wisdom and prudence, over all the intelligences thine eyes have seen from the beginning; I came down in the beginning in the midst of all the intelligences thou hast seen. Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organized before the world was; and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones; And God saw these souls that they were good, and he stood in the midst of them, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born. (*Abraham 3:21-23*)

### ***Does death seal man's fate?***

#### **Bible:**

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: ( *Hebrews 9:27*)

#### **Book of Mormon:**

And now, I say unto you, my brethren, that after ye have known and have been taught all these things, if ye should transgress and go contrary to that which has been spoken, that ye do withdraw yourselves from the Spirit of the Lord, that it may have no place in you to guide you in wisdom's paths that ye may be blessed, prospered, and preserved-- I say unto you, that the man that doeth this, the same cometh out in open rebellion against God; therefore he listeth to obey the evil spirit, and becometh an enemy to all righteousness; therefore, the Lord has no place in him, for he dwelleth not in unholy temples. Therefore if that man repenteth not, and remaineth and dieth an enemy to God, the demands of divine justice do awaken his immortal soul to a lively sense of his own guilt, which doth cause him to shrink from the presence of the Lord, and doth fill his breast with guilt, and pain, and anguish, which is like an unquenchable fire, whose flame ascendeth up forever and ever. And now I say unto you, that mercy hath no claim on that man; therefore his final doom is to endure a never-ending torment. (*Mosiah 2:36-39*)

For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors. And now, as I said unto you before, as ye have had so many witnesses, therefore, I beseech of you that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end; for after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness wherein there can be no labor performed. Ye cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God. Nay, ye cannot say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world. For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance even until death, behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his; therefore, the Spirit of the Lord hath withdrawn from you, and hath no place in you, and the devil hath all power over you; and this is the final state of the wicked. (*Alma 34:32-35*)

### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

These are they who are cast down to hell and suffer the wrath of Almighty God, until the fulness of times, when Christ shall have subdued all enemies under his feet, and shall have perfected his work; When he shall deliver up the kingdom, and present it unto the Father, spotless, saying: I have overcome and have trodden the wine-press alone, even the wine-press of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God. Then shall he be crowned with the crown of his glory, to sit on the throne of his power to reign forever and ever. But behold, and lo, we saw the glory and the inhabitants of the telestial world, that they were as innumerable as the stars in the firmament of heaven, or as the sand upon the seashore; And heard the voice of the Lord saying: These all shall bow the knee, and every tongue shall confess to him who sits upon the throne forever and ever; For they shall be judged according to their works, and every man shall receive according to his own works, his own dominion, in the mansions which are prepared; And they shall be servants of the Most High; but where God and Christ dwell they cannot come, worlds without end. (*Section 76:106-112*)

And after this another angel shall sound, which is the second trump; and then cometh the redemption of those who are Christ's at his coming; who have received their part in that prison which is prepared for them, that they might receive the gospel, and be judged according to men in the flesh. (*Section 88:99*)

### ***Is baptism required for salvation?***

#### **Bible:**

And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. (*Luke 23:41-43*)

#### **Book of Mormon:**

For behold that all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the law. For the power of redemption cometh on all them that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent; and unto such baptism availeth nothing-- But it is mockery before God, denying the mercies of Christ, and the power of his Holy Spirit, and putting trust in dead works. (*Moroni 8:22-23*)

Wherefore, he has given a law; and where there is no law given there is no punishment; and where there is no punishment there is no condemnation; and where there is no condemnation the mercies of the Holy One of Israel have claim upon them, because of the atonement; for they are delivered by the power of him. For the atonement satisfieth the demands of his justice upon all those who have not the law given to them, that they are delivered from that awful monster, death and hell, and the devil, and the lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment; and they are restored to that God who gave them breath, which is the Holy One of Israel. (*2 Nephi 9:25-26*)

And these are those who have part in the first resurrection; and these are they that have died before Christ came, in their ignorance, not having salvation declared unto them. And thus the Lord bringeth about the restoration of these; and they have a part in the first resurrection, or have eternal life, being redeemed by the Lord. And little children also have eternal life. But behold, and fear, and tremble before God, for ye ought to tremble; for the Lord redeemeth none such that rebel against him and die in their sins; yea, even all those that have perished in their sins ever since the world began, that have wilfully rebelled against God, that have known the commandments of God, and would not keep them; these are they that have no part in the first resurrection. Therefore ought ye not to tremble? For salvation cometh to none such; for the Lord hath redeemed none such; yea, neither can the Lord redeem such; for he cannot deny himself; for he cannot deny justice when it has its claim. (*Mosiah 15:24-27*)

### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

You may think this order of things to be very particular; but let me tell you that it is only to answer the will of God, by conforming to the ordinance and preparation that the Lord ordained and prepared before the foundation of the world, for the salvation of the dead who should die without a knowledge of the gospel. (*Section 128:5*)

And again, in connection with this quotation I will give you a quotation from one of the prophets, who had his eye fixed on the restoration of the priesthood, the glories to be revealed in the last days, and in an especial manner this most glorious of all subjects belonging to the everlasting gospel, namely, the baptism for the dead; for Malachi says, last chapter, verses 5th and 6th: 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. I might have rendered a plainer translation to this, but it is sufficiently plain to suit my purpose as it stands. It is sufficient to know, in this case, that the earth will be smitten with a curse unless there is a welding link of some kind or other between the fathers and the children, upon some subject or other--and behold what is that subject? It is the baptism for the dead. For we without them cannot be made perfect; neither can they without us be made perfect. Neither can they nor we be made perfect without those who have died in the gospel also; for it is necessary in the ushering in of the dispensation of the fulness of times, which dispensation is now beginning to usher in, that a whole and complete and perfect union, and welding together of dispensations, and keys, and powers, and glories should take place, and be revealed from the days of Adam even to the present time. And not only this, but those things which never have been revealed from the foundation of the world, but have been kept hid from the wise and prudent, shall be revealed unto babes and sucklings in this, the dispensation of the fulness of times. (*Section 128:17-18*)

## ***Is there heaven and hell?***

### **Bible:**

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (*Matthew 10:28*)

And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. (*Matthew 18:9*)

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. (*Matthew 25:46*)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (*John 3:16-18*)

### **Book of Mormon:**

And behold, others he flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them: I am no devil, for there is none--and thus he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance. Yea, they are grasped with death, and hell; and death, and hell, and the devil, and all that have been seized therewith must stand before the throne of God, and be judged according to their works, from whence they must go into the place prepared for them, even a lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment. (*2 Nephi 28:22-23*)

And there is a place prepared, yea, even that awful hell of which I have spoken, and the devil is the preparator of it; wherefore the final state of the souls of men is to dwell in the kingdom of God, or to be cast out because of that justice of which I have spoken. (*1 Nephi 15:35*)

If they be good, to the resurrection of endless life and happiness; and if they be evil, to the resurrection of endless damnation, being delivered up to the devil, who hath subjected them, which is damnation-- (*Mosiah 16:11*)

Yea, every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess before him. Yea, even at the last day, when all men shall stand to be judged of him, then shall they confess that he is God; then shall they confess, who live without God in the world, that the judgment of an everlasting punishment is just upon them; and they shall quake, and tremble, and shrink beneath the glance of his all-searching eye. (*Mosiah 27:31*)

And if their works are evil they shall be restored unto them for evil. Therefore, all things shall be restored to their proper order, every thing to its natural frame--mortality raised to immortality, corruption to incorruption--raised to endless happiness to inherit the kingdom of God, or to endless misery to inherit the kingdom of the devil, the one on one hand, the other on the other-- The one raised to happiness according to his desires of happiness, or good according to his desires of good; and the other to evil according to his desires of

evil; for as he has desired to do evil all the day long even so shall he have his reward of evil when the night cometh. And so it is on the other hand. If he hath repented of his sins, and desired righteousness until the end of his days, even so he shall be rewarded unto righteousness. These are they that are redeemed of the Lord; yea, these are they that are taken out, that are delivered from that endless night of darkness; and thus they stand or fall; for behold, they are their own judges, whether to do good or do evil. Now, the decrees of God are unalterable; therefore, the way is prepared that whosoever will may walk therein and be saved. (*Alma 41:4-8*)

Now, repentance could not come unto men except there were a punishment, which also was eternal as the life of the soul should be, affixed opposite to the plan of happiness, which was as eternal also as the life of the soul. (*Alma 42:16*)

### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

Who glorifies the Father, and saves all the works of his hands, except those sons of perdition who deny the Son after the Father has revealed him. (*Section 76:43*)

## ***Can murder be forgiven?***

### **Bible:**

Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. (*Matthew 12:31*)

### **Book of Mormon:**

Turn, all ye Gentiles, from your wicked ways; and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries, and of your murders, and your priestcrafts, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations, and come unto me, and be baptized in my name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people who are of the house of Israel. (*3 Nephi 30:2*)

### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

And now, behold, I speak unto the church. Thou shalt not kill; and he that kills shall not have forgiveness in this world, nor in the world to come. (*Section 42:18*)

## ***Does God condone polygamy?***

### **Bible:**

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; (*1 Timothy 3:2*)

Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. (*1 Timothy 3:12*)

### **Book of Mormon:**

And now it came to pass that the people of Nephi, under the reign of the second king, began to grow hard in their hearts, and indulge themselves somewhat in wicked practices, such as like unto David of old desiring many wives and concubines, and also Solomon, his son. (*Jacob 1:15*)

Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord. (*Jacob 2:24*)

Behold, the Lamanites your brethren, whom ye hate because of their filthiness and the cursing which hath come upon their skins, are more righteous than you; for they have not forgotten the commandment of the Lord, which was given unto our father--that they should have save it were one wife, and concubines they should have none, and there should not be whoredoms committed among them. (*Jacob 3:5*)

For behold, he did not keep the commandments of God, but he did walk after the desires of his own heart. And he had many wives and concubines. And he did cause his people to commit sin, and do that which was abominable in the sight of the Lord. Yea, and they did commit whoredoms and all manner of wickedness. (*Mosiah 11:2*)

### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you my servant Joseph, that inasmuch as you have inquired of my hand to know and understand wherein I, the Lord, justified my servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as also Moses, David and Solomon, my servants, as touching the principle and doctrine of their having many wives and concubines-- (*Section 132:1*)

Abraham received concubines, and they bore him children; and it was accounted unto him for righteousness, because they were given unto him, and he abode in my law; as Isaac also and Jacob did none other things than that which they were commanded; and because they did none other things than that which they were commanded, they have entered into their exaltation, according to the promises, and sit upon thrones, and are not angels but are gods. David also received many wives and concubines, and also Solomon and Moses my servants, as also many others of my servants, from the beginning of creation until this time; and in nothing did they sin save in those things which they received not of me. David's wives and concubines were given unto him of me, by the hand of Nathan, my servant, and others of the prophets who had the keys of this power; and in none of these things did he sin against me save in the case of Uriah and his wife; and, therefore he hath fallen from his exaltation, and received his portion; and he shall not inherit them out of the world, for I gave them unto another, saith the Lord. (*Section 132:37-39*)

And again, as pertaining to the law of the priesthood--if any man espouse a virgin, and desire to espouse another, and the first give her consent, and if he espouse the second, and they are virgins, and have vowed to no other man, then is he justified; he cannot commit

adultery for they are given unto him; for he cannot commit adultery with that that belongeth unto him and to no one else. (*Section 132:61*)

### ***Should ministers be paid?***

#### **Bible:**

For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. (*Romans 13:6-7*)

#### **Book of Mormon:**

But the laborer in Zion shall labor for Zion; for if they labor for money they shall perish. (2 *Nephi 26:31*)

Yea, and all their priests and teachers should labor with their own hands for their support, in all cases save it were in sickness, or in much want; and doing these things, they did abound in the grace of God. (*Mosiah 27:5*)

#### **Doctrine and Covenants:**

And the elders or high priests who are appointed to assist the bishop as counselors in all things, are to have their families supported out of the property which is consecrated to the bishop, for the good of the poor, and for other purposes, as before mentioned; Or they are to receive a just remuneration for all their services, either a stewardship or otherwise, as may be thought best or decided by the counselors and bishop. And the bishop, also, shall receive his support, or a just remuneration for all his services in the church. (*Section 42:71-73*)

And if ye desire the glories of the kingdom, appoint ye my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and uphold him before me by the prayer of faith. And again, I say unto you, that if ye desire the mysteries of the kingdom, provide for him food and raiment, and whatsoever thing he needeth to accomplish the work wherewith I have commanded him; (*Section 43:12-13*)

### ***Can you be saved by money?***

#### **Bible:**

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (*John 14:6*)

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (*Acts 4:12*)

#### **Book of Mormon:**

Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be churches built up that shall say: Come unto me, and for your money you shall be forgiven of your sins. (*Mormon 8:32*)

**Doctrine and Covenants:**

Behold, now it is called today until the coming of the Son of Man, and verily it is a day of sacrifice, and a day for the tithing of my people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned at his coming. (*Section 64:23*)

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