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**\*He Is Savior, Acts 4:12**

## **His Ministries February 2017 Newsletter, covering January 2017**

Utah is literally a ***“winter-wonderland”*** now. It has been snowing just about every day since the end of November. Snowbanks are high, driving is dangerous, and it is also freezing cold. The old ***“global-warming”***- (now called ***“climate change”***) rumor is just about forgotten– at least for now. We never believed in it anyway. We are old enough to remember that in 1970’s it was feared that an ***ice-age*** may be coming back. I recall reading articles about how ***we will not be able to grow food and feed our people***, and ***“Canadians are coming”***, for they will not for sure be able to grow anything ***that far North!*** Just last Saturday alone we, in our yard, measured 18 inches of ***new snow***, and in the mountains they received several feet of the ***white stuff*** on top of lots of snow from the previous storms. Utah’s Ski Resorts are doing a booming business, and we all are glad for the snow for Utah is a desert country, and one the driest states in the nation. We are happy to have a Sauna in our basement that Dennis built there about 25 years ago. We have been living like all Finns do during a cold winter and warming the sauna in the evenings to 150 degrees 2-3 times a week. That keeps us happier and healthier. 😊

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😊 **We have a New President now, Donald J. Trump** – but the country seems to be more divided than ever. It is interesting that before November 8<sup>th</sup> (election day), it was **not believed that Donald J. Trump had any chance of winning the presidency**, and the opposing party was pressuring him to promise that **after his sure defeat** he would immediately do what democracy requires, **i.e. that he would accept his defeat, without complaint, on November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Surprise of all surprises, he won, with a landslide even (electoral college voting resulting 304 votes for Trump and 227 for Mrs. Clinton), but **now the opposing party that was sure to win, has been protesting loudly ever since, not accepting voting results!!** Even during the inauguration celebration, that has always been dignified and peaceful change of power, many of the opposing party became violent, breaking businesses’ windows, burning cars, and proclaiming that **Trump is not their president!**

Well, he might not be every demonstrator’s president for it has been said that large number of these demonstrators were/are **illegal emigrants**, thus not legally Americans. **Of course he is not their president, but he is the President of all American citizens, whether they like it or not.** This is the same in all countries where presidents are elected by votes of their countrymen, and those who do not like the results, have to start working hard to find **a person who could win in the next election, but** for the time being, **we all should support the one who now IS the President** - for the benefit of the entire country. If our President and his Cabinet are not succeeding in coming months and years, we all will lose and feel the results. Politics can be ugly, but as long as we are in this world, we, as Christian believers, need to seek peace and harmony with all men, trying to share the Lord with everyone, and working with them for peaceful co-existence. I am an immigrant to this country, and I value greatly what America has been known for: A Country of Freedom. Let’s do our best and help the world to see that **America is a Christian Nation and still “the land of the free and home of the brave”**. We are praying for all to unite in love and peace.

This American election brought also the focus onto Israel, God's land, and to His City, Jerusalem.

Compass International wrote an excellent article (Jan. 18, 2017), titled **"JERUSALEM: JEWISH OR MUSLIM?"** I asked their President Bill Perkins' permission to quote from their article in our newsletter about what had taken place in the UN that brought the focus again on Israel and Jerusalem, **"... Jerusalem... the city of the great King."** (Matt. 5:35.) **Who is that great King? He is King Jesus, KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS.** (Rev. 19:16.)

Quoting from Compass: "The entire world is in a dogfight over the land of Israel. The United Nation's Security Council ruled in December that Israel should change her borders – that she has no right to East Jerusalem which includes the Old City of Jerusalem, the Temple Mount and the Wailing Wall!"

Normally the United States would have used our veto power to block that Security Council ruling. Since Israel's beginning in 1948, we've always protected our staunch ally in the Middle East. But Barack Hussein Obama, for the first time in U.S. history, stuck his finger in the air and abandoned Israel. He hasn't got a clue what he's done, OR DOES HE? God has said, **"I will bless those who bless you [Israel], and I will curse him who curses you [Israel]."** (Gen. 12:3.)

"This past weekend 70 nations met in France regarding who has rights to Israel's land, and thus also to Jerusalem. They concluded that Israel should compromise her security and change to unmanageable 1967-borders. That, of course, will never happen. USA and those 70 nations that go against Israel have no clue that they are playing with fire. God has warned: NEVER to divide Israel or change her borders. God said, "I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel...[because] THEY HAVE ALSO DIVIDED UP MY LAND." (Joel 3:2.) God says that Israel's land is HIS LAND, and Jerusalem is His eternal City. Therein lies the answer why the world is against Israel! It is spiritual war between Satan and God of Israel! God's plans for the End Times are connected to the land of Israel and Jerusalem!

Satan wants everything that belongs to God alone. "...for the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one" (1 John 5:19), under "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31), "god of this age" (2 Cor. 4:4), who is Satan. Satan has been lurking behind all the world's leaders throughout history, manipulating how his ambition can come true – for as he has sworn that he will be like the Most High God. (Isa. 14:12-14.) Satan is a liar and murderer from the beginning. (John 8:44.)

But we must remember that Satan is not "all-knowing", thus he has to guess a lot. When he thinks he has figured out what God is planning, he puts out his all to prevent it. We see that from the Garden of Eden onward... to enticing the Pharaoh of Egypt to order all male babies to be killed to prevent Israel's release from slavery... to killing all male babies in Bethlehem to prevent Israel's Messiah to take rule of His Kingdom... However, Satan didn't know that God's plan for Israel and for all future believers in God of Israel, was two-fold. Messiah was to come twice – in His first coming He will be put to death in behalf of His own people (Dan. 9:26), and then He will come again to rule and reign from Jerusalem, Israel.

Satan lost for he didn't know beforehand that the death of Jesus on the cross was God's victory over Satan. (1 Cor. 2:7-8.) There salvation was secured for all who believe on Him who died on the cross for our sins. After realizing his defeat there, Satan began his plans to prevent Jesus' Second Coming.

He thought he won when he got the Romans, under Titus to destroy Jerusalem and the Temple (70 A.D.), and, nearly 2000 years ago, caused Jews to be dispersed among all nations of the world.

He brought Muslims, descendants of Ishmael, and enemies of the descendants of Jacob's (Israel's) son Isaac, to come and build their shrine on the Temple Mount to prevent any Jewish worship ever taking place again on that Holy Mount.

Satan has focused on killing all the Jews using many ways and many leaders, as Hitler and others. However, God's prophets had said that at the end times, **God will bring the Jews back to their own land, even while yet in unbelief in Him.** (Ez. 36: 16-33.) It had been taking place for 70 years now.

The Land of Israel must belong to the Jews in order that *Jesus, the King of the Jews, can come back and rule and reign the world for a thousand years from Jerusalem, Israel. God has given this land to Israel forever.* (See Gen. 13:15; 15:18; 17:8.)

Most people do not know that originally, in the 1917 British Balfore Agreement, the land of Israel included Jordan. Seven years later, in 1924, England bowed to Arabs' demands of a "two-state solution", and gave Jordan, 3/4s of land of Israel, to Muslims, "Palestinian Arabs", as their state, but they didn't want that – they wanted all of Israel and Jerusalem, even though Koran doesn't, not even once, mention Jerusalem, but Bible mentions it as a part of Israel over 900 times, from Joshua through Revelation.

[Note: Thus Israel, in 1948, received only 1/3 of the land promised to them in 1917. "Palestinians" already have ¾ of Israel's land!]

*"When Israel officially became a nation on May 14, 1948, President Truman immediately recognized Israel as a nation. At that time Israel had only 600,000 men, women and children, and no standing army.*

*The very next day 900,000 Arab troops from six Muslim nations invaded Israel. The Israelis fought for their lives and held a lot of area that UN had given them, but neighboring Jordan captured the Temple Mount area as well as East Jerusalem. Thus it was Jordan that illegally occupied East Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, referred today as "the West Bank", from 1948 to 1967. Israel accepted this as her "war loss".*

*In 1967 the Arabs started amassing troops on Israel's borders and proclaimed to the world that they were getting ready to push all of Israel into the sea. Israel took them at their word and launched a pre-emptive defense strike, and the Six-Day War began. In this brief war Israel took Sinai and Gaza from Egypt, the West Bank from Jordan, and Golan Heights from Syria. This was a bitter defeat for the Arabs.*

*Six years later, in 1973, the Arabs attacked Israel again. But this time Arabs kept their plan secret and attacked on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), Israel's most holy day of the year. Although completely off-guard, Israel again repelled the onslaught.*

*With Israel desperately wanting peace, the United States was able to negotiate/broker a "land for peace"-deal with Egypt. Israel gave up oil-rich Sinai desert to make peace, but Egypt refused to take back Gaza! Jordan made peace with Israel in 1994, but they wouldn't take back the West Bank! So today these two areas have now become a political football, re-named "Palestine". So what the Arabs couldn't get in war, they are now using as an invented reason to get Israel's land via a United Nations' decree."*

*Those who do not know the history of this land and the issues in question, do not know that it was the Romans, who in 135 A.D., changed the name of Israel to Palestine, to mock Israel by the name derived from Israel's ancient core enemy, Philistine. "There never was a nation of "Palestinians". It never existed before Yassar Arafat in the 1980's. There is no history of "Palestinians", no culture, no currency, and no formal capital, or formal borders that has ever in history been defended. It's had no former government, no former major cities and no former language. No country in the world in history has ever recognized it. From 1948 to 1967, the Arabs controlled areas in questions: Judea and Samaria (West Bank) and Philistia (Gaza), but they never tried to make a nation out of them. All they (Arabs) want is to wipe Israel out, which they openly state while not even recognizing the existence of Israel. These are satanically driven people, thinking that they are serving Allah, who is the devil in disguise as a 'moon god'. Their leaders have been terrorists, supported by terrorist organizations as Hamas."*

This brief history lesson in a nutshell shows that Satan has been at work to destroy Israel and take Jerusalem from Israel, and that to make sure that the Second Coming will not happen and that Jesus will never be ruling from Jerusalem!

It looks like we are very close to that end time right now. UN has declared that Israel should draw back to 1967 borders and that Jerusalem should be the Capital of Palestine, not Israel.

Now, coming in like a knight in shining armor, our new President has declared that Jerusalem is the Capital of Israel and that US Embassy will be shortly moved there!

Wow! What does God of Israel have to say about this time? ***“And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”*** (Zech. 12:3)

**Satan knows that if there is no Israel and Jerusalem of the Jews, God’s prophecies will fail, and he, Satan will be God of the world forever.**

***“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.”*** (Ps. 122:6.)

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**From to our mailbox:**

***“The Mormon Church is the only true church on the face of the entire world for we have living prophets who receive revelations from God on what to teach and how to lead people so that they will be able to come back to our Heavenly Father and eventually become as He is now, a God. Even the Bible says (in Amos 3:7) that God will not do anything without first revealing it to His prophets. That means that God is not involved in the affairs of men at all without calling prophets to lead them. After Jesus’ apostles died the priesthood and revelation was taken from the earth, God was not speaking to men until time of restoration through Prophet Joseph Smith (1830). God restored the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthoods to Joseph Smith and God has been in communication with the prophets of the Mormon Church ever since. Wouldn’t you rather be led by the prophet of God, than paid ministers of your Protestant churches? The Roman Catholic Church at least has a Pope, who they say, is representing Apostle Peter, who was the First leader of the Church after Jesus Christ, but you have nothing but trained preachers who have gone to school to learn how to preach teachings of men, and not of God.”***

**Reply:** The claim that the LDS Church has ***“living prophets”***, who receive revelations from God, is presented as a proof that Mormonism is true, perhaps more often than any other argument. We have responded to this kind of reasoning many times, but perhaps it is time to tackle it again.

**We agree that God does not do anything concerning mankind’s eternal life and destiny without revealing His plan and His will to men.** Mormons ask: How does He do it without having ***living prophets?***

**He does it through His prophets who have spoken ***in the time past*** and who recorded God’s words for us, found in the Bible. The Bible is God’s Integrated Message System, by His Design. As Augustine wrote, ***“The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed; The Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed.”*****

In the first two chapters of Genesis the Old Testament reports of God’s creation and in the next chapter the fall of man, and **all the rest of the OT is about God’s plan of redemption through His Son of which the promise was given in Genesis 3:15.** After the OT record was closed, there was about 400 years of silence from God until the Time of Christ came, and when the ***last of the prophets, John the Baptist***, was sent ***in the spirit of Elijah to announce the Messiah’s coming.*** (See Mal. 4:5, fulfilled in Matthew 11:13-14.) As Matthew 11:13 and Luke 16:16 declare, ***the time of the prophets ended.*** From John the Baptist’s time onward ***the kingdom of God is preached through Jesus Christ. God had “in the time past spoken to men through prophets”*** (i.e. not any more), but now ***He speaks to men through His Son, Jesus Christ.*** (Hebr. 1:1-2.) Jesus is the Word of God in flesh. (John 1:1-14.)

**When we diligently study His Word, we will come to see ***that God indeed has revealed it all by speaking to men through His prophets.*** It is all recorded for us to know in His written Word, the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. ***“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”*** (2 Tim. 3:16.)**

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John record Jesus’ life, His death, resurrection and redemption of mankind. ***He indeed is God with us.*** (Matt. 1:23.) The epistles of Paul, James, Peter, John and Jude teach how men may be saved by ***God’s grace through Jesus’ redemptive work in our behalf.*** (Eph. 2:8-9.)

Jesus Himself revealed (Rev. 1:1- ) what will take place from that time on to the end of the age. *Jesus' Revelation*, recorded by John, His beloved apostle, *takes us first through the Church age (Rev. chapters 1-3), then through the Great Tribulation (4-19), after that to the Thousand Year reign of Christ and to the Great White Throne Judgement (20), and finally to a New Heaven and a New Earth and everlasting Eternity of the saved with our Lord (21-22).* God's will and plan is all clearly revealed in these 66 books of the Bible!

Many ask: How do we know that the Old Testament is true and complete? The "Scriptures" that the New Testament talks about is the Old Testament. In John 5:39, Jesus commanded, "Search the Scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me." Thus Jesus Himself authenticated the Old Testament. In Luke 24:13-27, 44, He is taking his disciples through all the OT books, saying again that they all were written about Him, "...and beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all scriptures the things concerning Himself."

The New Testament is the fulfilment of God's redemptive plan for mankind, and it was written by eye-witnesses of Jesus's ministry. Peter wrote, "...we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of His majesty... the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:16, 21.)

Mormon claim, as you say, is that God spoke to Joseph Smith and every Mormon prophet after him. It cannot be true, for the Bible says (as I showed above), that God is not speaking through the prophets any more. (See again, Matt. 11:13; Luke 16:16, Hebr. 1:1-2; Rev. 1:1.) He has already revealed all in His Word. God has commanded us to "prove all things" (1 Thess. 5:21), and compare all new teachings to the Word of God just as the Bereans did in Acts 17:11. John also wrote, "believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1.) Paul also warned, "...in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared ..." (1 Tim. 4:1-2.)

God had, through the prophet Isaiah, warned His people to test those coming and pretending to be prophets, saying that His Word already given is the "rod" to measure truth by. Isaiah wrote, "...if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them...", adding, "...the prophet that teaches lies, he is the tail. For leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led by them are destroyed." (Isa. 8:20; 9:15-16.) Comparing to God's Word, what Joseph Smith said, we see that Joseph Smith spoke lies. False prophets and their teachings, referred to in Isaiah, are like "the tail of a scorpion" (Rev. 9:10-11) that poisons the minds of men and leads to their destruction.

Have Mormons tested Joseph Smith's "revelations" and compared Mormon doctrines to Bible doctrines? They have not. A question to ask is: Even if you believe that Joseph Smith received revelations from God, have the LDS "prophets", since the times of Joseph Smith, been receiving revelations?

An early Mormon apostle, Orson Pratt, gave a hard critique of the Roman Catholic Church by saying, "they have proven not to have prophets among them since they have not added to their canon of scriptures...if they had confidence in their leaders, they would continue to add their words to their scriptures..." (Orson Pratt's Works, pp. 38-39.)

Can we not apply Pratt's words to today's LDS Church, and also remind them that *Mormon Doctrine*, p. 650, also says "The presence of revelation in the Church is positive proof that it is the kingdom of God on earth"? What revelation? Checking into this it can be seen that there has not been new revelations in the LDS Church since Joseph Smith's last "revelation" of 1843 (Section 132 in the Doctrine and Covenants, commanding polygamy), unless one counts Wilford Woodruff's Official Declaration # 1 of 1890, that (sort of) ended the practice of polygamy commanded in D&C Section 132, and Excerpts from Woodruff's later addresses regarding his "Manifesto- Declaration", and of 1981 "Official Declaration #2" given by Spencer W. Kimball in June 1978, announcing that blacks can now have the priesthood.

I wrote about this “lack of revelations” in our February 2008 Newsletter: “Until 1981 there were 136 Sections (Chapters) in the Doctrine and Covenants. 133 of them are credited to Joseph Smith, but 15 of them are not listed as “revelations”, but as “ordinations” or his “instructions to the Saints”. Some of them are listed as visions, or dedicatory prayers, two of them as Joseph Smith’s “epistles” and one as “minutes of a meeting” and one of them (113) is Joseph Smith’s answers on Isaiah 11 and 52. Section 132 is said to be a “revelation” relating to “eternity of marriage and plurality of wives”, and as far as the date is concerned, it is the latest “revelation” of Joseph Smith. Section 133 was added later, but it was dated earlier, Nov. 3, 1831. Section 134 is not a revelation, but “Declaration of beliefs of the Church”, taken from the History of the Church, vol. 2, pp. 247-249, and dated August 17, 1835. Section 135 is a report of the “martyrdom” of Joseph Smith on June 27, 1844, and thus is not a revelation. Section 136 is about Brigham Young’s plan to organize the migration to the West, dated Jan. 14, 1847, and is not a revelation either.

“Official Declaration #1, made on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1890, is not presented as a revelation, but as a statement of denial that Church was still practicing polygamy, as well as an agreement to discontinue polygamy. In it Woodruff said “I hereby declare my intention to submit to those laws, and use my influence with the members of the Church over which I reside to have them do the same... I now publically declare that my advice to the Latter-day Saints is to refrain contracting any marriage forbidden by the law of the land.” (Underline added.) [These were Woodruff’s “intentions and agreements to obey the laws of the land”, not revelations from God.] The vote, taken on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1890 by Lorenzo Snow, to sustain Wilford Woodruff’s Manifesto, was added below the “Official Declaration – 1” in the D&C.

In 1981 the Church made the following additions to the D&C: Excerpts from three Addresses by President Wilford Woodruff regarding the Manifesto. The first excerpt was taken from the Wilford Woodruff’s talk given in Salt Lake City, October 6, 1890. The second excerpt was taken from his talk given in Logan, Utah, Nov. 14, 1891. The third excerpt was taken from his discourse at the sixth session of the dedication of the Salt Lake City Temple, April 1893.

“Official Declaration – 2” was also added in 1981, announcing a doctrinal change that since June 1978 blacks can now receive the priesthood. At that time, 1981, they also added to D&C Sections 137 and 138. Section 137 is a report of Joseph Smith’s vision he had said he had on Jan. 21, 1836 and is taken from the History of the Church, vol. 2, pp. 380-381, and is not reported as a revelation. Section 138 is Joseph F. Smith’s vision he is said to have had on Oct. 3, 1918, and is not reported as a revelation either.

This same “Prophet, Seer and Revelator” of the Mormon Church, Joseph F. Smith, was asked (during Reed Smoot Court case) if he had received revelations from God. He said, “If I live as I should in line of my duties, I am susceptible, I think, of the impressions of the Spirit of the Lord upon my mind at any time, just as any good Methodist or any good church member might be... I have had impressions of the Spirit upon my mind frequently, but they are not in the sense revelations... I have never pretended to nor do I profess to have received revelations.” (Reported in Reed Smoot Court Case, vol. 1:99; 483-484. Underline added.)

If a man who claims to be a prophet, seer and revelator of God to the LDS Church is only “susceptible to impressions of the Lord, like any good Methodist”, why should his words be trusted above “any good Methodist”?

Perhaps because even the members of the LDS Church have questioned why the lack of revelations since the time of their first prophet, Joseph Smith, while continually claiming to have a living prophet who receives revelations of God, the LDS Church made an announcement in October 2004, which was published in the Church News, October 23, 2004, p. 4, that said, “...the General Conference becomes, in a sense, a supplement to or extension of the Doctrine and Covenants.” In other words, “sermons” or “talks” given during the Church’s General Conferences over the years and reported in the Church’s publications as in Deseret News, Improvement Era, Ensign, the Church News or in Journal of Discourses etc. must then be taken “as good as scripture”, as Brigham Young had already declared concerning his sermons. (JoD, vol. 13, p. 95.)

However, we have noticed that when we, Dennis and I, quote Brigham Young, Bruce McConkie or some other now dead Mormon prophet or apostle, many LDS people (if they do not like the quote) say that these were only their “opinions” that cannot be taken “as scripture” now that they are no longer “living prophets”! **Were they not “living prophets” when they spoke them?**

**That presents an interesting question about today’s LDS leaders’ General Conference talks: would they also become less true or be rated as just “opinions” after they die?** If we view the future by the past LDS leaders’ messages, it seems so. **The only exception that we have found are the words of Joseph Smith, whose words are always declared to be correct.** Perhaps because he was their founding prophet – his words cannot fail – otherwise the entire Church would fail, right?

Because of the historical proof and fulfilled prophecies, Christians can be sure that the Bible is indeed infallible truth. **It is the unchanging Word of God.** Jesus said, **“Thy Word is Truth.”** (John 17:17.) **“The entirety of Your Word is truth.”** (Ps. 119:160.) Belief in the God’s Word, the Bible, leads to eternal life. **“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”** (Rom. 10:17.) Paul wrote that it is the **“love of truth” that results in salvation. Thus it is the Love of God’s Truth** that brings us to the Lord, and keeps us safe in Him Read 2 Thess. 2:10-12 where Paul warned that **those who do not love the truth, will not accept truth either,** and God **eventually gives them up and allows them to remain lost and become condemned.** **“Today is the day of salvation”, is God’s call to all.** (Hebr. 3:7-8.)

None of us know if we even have tomorrow...

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This was a little long response to this Mormon declaration of “living prophets” – but I hope that it will be helpful to all of you when this question is presented to you.

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We again want to thank you, our prayer partners and supporters, for your help making our ministry possible. Please know that you are in our daily prayers ***that God will grant you the desires of your heart.*** (Ps. 37:3-5.) God has blessed us through you and we were again this last year able to supply needed books, DVDs and Bibles for many. Biblical knowledge keeps people safe from heretical teachings and false religions and frees them if they have been involved in them. People who have a sincere desire for truth surely can find it. In my personal studies I mostly use NKJV along with KJV. Dennis uses mainly KJV in his studies. We recommend that all serious students of the Bible will obtain *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* that corresponds with KJV Bible. It lists every word in the order they appear in KJV, and it includes Hebrew and Greek dictionaries. A good Bible Commentary would also be helpful to clarify some harder to understand matters. William MacDonald’s *Believer’s Bible Commentary* is perhaps the best, IMO, though we use some others too.

We are continuing with conversations on doctrinal differences between biblical Christianity and Mormonism with several Christians across the country, who have loved ones who have been misled by the strange Mormons doctrines. They have been surprised to learn how ***“cultic”*** (as they say), Mormonism really is. By learning fundamental differences, as what Mormons believe about God, Jesus and salvation, they have become alarmed, for faith in false gods surely cannot bring anyone to God’s eternal salvation. Life is short, but eternity is endless. We cannot let our loved ones be fooled or remain fooled and lost to God. The more we understand that life is eternal, and that our destiny is sealed at the moment we die (there is no second chance), the more concerned we become of those in our sphere who are still lost to God. God loves them and He has prepared a way – and that way is Jesus, who paid the penalty of everyone’s sins who comes to Him. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Eph. 2:8-9.)

We offer our help to all Mormons who are questioning and wanting assistance, as well as to all those who want to help their LDS friends and neighbors to come to know Christ Jesus and be born again. (John 3:3, 7.) Do not hesitate to call us with your questions, but if you’d email them, you will get answers in writing. ☺

We have been through some very sad times lately, but God has comforted us though many calls and visits from friends. Ministry work itself is intensive and it takes our minds and thoughts away from self. We thank you for praying for us for we both still have our health issues, but we have managed pretty well, considering. This cold weather has made it harder for Dennis to work, for he does all his woodworking in our garage that has no heat source. It has been very cold – in single digits in the mornings, and not much over 20 degrees during the days. We are looking forward to spring...

Please pray for our friends that need the Lord’s help in their trials and health issues. Cold weather is hard on those of us who suffer from arthritis, as Max also does. Please continue to pray for Max as he misses his dear Pat who is now with the Lord, and for Patty and Suzi who also have their spouses in the Lord’s mansion. Others who need prayer are Dale, Sharon, Aira, Heather, Kristine, Tom, Dave, David, Al, Sandy and Judy.

May our Lord Jesus bless you all!

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*“Faith must be built on facts, not fiction. Faith in fiction is a damnable false hope.”* (Thomas Edison)

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee...”* (Hosea 4:6.)

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