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The most effective way to bring people out of cults, is helping them see, really see that the BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD. That knowledge has been taken from them and doubt about the Bible has replaced it. How can we assure them that God's Word is true? By showing them from current events that God has foretold what we see happening now. It opens the door to teach them about the God of the Bible, about the true Jesus and how to be saved. Looking at Israel and what is happening there in the light of the Bible can open that door.

The God of the Bible states: "I am God...there is none else like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient time the things that are not yet done...before it came to pass I showed it thee...new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them." (Isaiah 42:9; 46:9-10;48:5.) **God is at work.** He always has been and He always will be. He will do what He has said He will do. **Hundreds of fulfilled prophecies in the past are the guarantee that biblical warnings for the last days are not empty threats.** Israel is our window to see what is next in God's time table. The main reason why the world in general, and even Christians today, do not recognize what is going on is that they have not spent time in the Word of God. They simply do not know that God has foretold in His Word all that He is doing now, and is going to do in the future, just as He promised the prophet Amos (Amos 3:7). God had said that Israel will be punished and exiled, when they disobey Him, but then in the latter-days He will bring them back to their land, not because they deserve it, but because God has promised that. God says that He does not do it for their sake, but "*for His holy name's sake*". (Please read Ezekiel 36:16-24.) Skeptics have accused evangelicals of trying to fit prophecy to current events, claiming that no one recognized such prophecies in the past but only since Israel was formed in 1948. That is not so. Most evangelical Christians believed and preached from the Bible the return of the Jews to their own land. Even leading Calvinist, John Owen, wrote in the seventeenth century: "*The Jews shall be gathered from all parts of the earth...and brought home into their homeland.*" Martin Luther recognized some of the prophecies concerning Israel, but because they had not been fulfilled in his day, he wrote off the Jews as God's chosen people: "*If the Jews are Abraham's descendants then we would expect to see them back in their own land [with] a state of their own. But what do we see? We see them living scattered and despised.*" The prophecies concerning Israel were not for Luther's day but for ours. The fact that the Jews are back in their own land after two millennia of being scattered worldwide, and that they speak their original Hebrew just as they did three thousand years ago, is a remarkable fulfillment of another Bible prophecy for the last days. **Indisputably, Israel is the major topic of biblical prophecy, just as it is in our daily news.** The word **Israel** is found 2,565 times in 2,293 verses of the KJV of the Bible and **Jerusalem** is found 811 times in 764 verses. The Arabs claim that Jerusalem is their third holiest city. It is a false claim for Jerusalem is not mentioned in the Qur'an even once.

Dave Hunt has written the most comprehensive and clear-cut examination of ancient biblical prophecy and modern-day Middle East politics regarding Islam, Israel, and the

nations. His book, **JUDGMENT DAY** just came out. We highly recommend it. You may purchase it through the Berean Call, www.thebereancall.org Some of the information concerning Israel in our letter is taken, with permission, from his book. “**The Stage is Set**” is the first chapter in this must-read-book, and we can see from our daily news that **the stage for God’s judgment on the unbelievers is indeed set.** God of the Bible, twenty five hundred years ago, through His prophet Zechariah, declared, “*Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.*” (Zach.12:2.) This is amazing declaration - not only that Jerusalem, which was then in complete ruins, would be the focus of world attention one day but also that ALL of Israel’s neighbors would be united against her. Throughout its history, Israel has had many enemies (Egyptians, Philistines, Syrians, Assyrians, Babylonians, etc.). Never, however, did “*all the people around about*” join together in common cause to destroy her. This is true today, exactly as the Bible foretold! God goes on to say, “*And I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people...*” For more than fifty years, Israel’s enemies have attacked her repeatedly and she has proved too strong militarily for them, **even though they outnumber her fifty to one, and have tried to catch her by surprise.** Soundly defeated every time, her neighbors tremble and *feign a desire for peace* with the aim ultimately to deceive and annihilate her - a strategy established for Muslims by Mohammad himself, the founder and prophet of Islam. Enemies surrounding Israel today have one thing that unites them: they are all Muslims. **A basic tenet of Islam is that Israel and all Jews must be destroyed.** Muhammad had said, “*The last day will not come until Muslims confront the Jews and the Muslims destroy them.*” The God of the Bible has promised to protect Israel, while Allah of Qur’an and Islam has sworn to put an end of her. **The real battle is not between Arabs and Jews, but between Allah and Yahweh.** God says through His prophet, “*All that burden themselves with it [Jerusalem/Israel] shall be cut to pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.*” Obviously Israel, no matter how efficient her armed forces may be, cannot defeat **all the nations of the world. God will have to come to her rescue,** as He has promised He will. The world united in a huge military attack upon Israel is not an idle speculation. Clearly, God has declared that **all nations will come against Jerusalem** and that He will defend Israel and destroy them. This solemn declaration is made a number of times in the Bible. We can count on God saying what He means and meaning what He says. Joel 3:2 gives two clear reasons why God will do that: *Persecution of Israel, God’s chosen people, and parting His land.* God has also promised: “*I will bless them that bless thee [Israel] and curse him that curseth thee...*” (Gen.12:3.) We are at the time in history, where just about all nations are already gathered against Israel - there is only one nation that has stood by Israel, that is USA. No wonder then that we have been the most blessed nation in the world. But now America is wavering in her support of Israel, and has become a part of those who cry “*land for peace*”, and are *parting God’s land* (Joel 3:2). God’s patience is almost exhausted. *His righteous anger is directed against nations of today’s world for dividing His land, and against Israel for agreeing to do so.* He is going to punish everyone involved. President Bush, who claims to be a Christian who studies the Bible daily, ought to tremble! So should the other parties to the “*road map*”. They are defying God and planning to do what God has said will bring His severest judgment, “destruction of the Almighty”. (Isa. 13:6.) President Bush, along with other world leaders, insists that Islam is a religion of peace. That is not what Muslims clerics and leaders say even though Islamic apologist group CAIR consistently insists that “Islam is peace”. From time to time other Muslims honestly and frankly refute that myth.

Raza Griffiths, Shahzad Ahmed, as quoted from The Guardian, July 25, 2005, said:

"For Muslim religious leaders to condemn the London bombings is commendable. But to support this by saying Islam is unequivocally a religion of peace is disingenuous... The prophet Muhammad while at times preaching tolerance, ordered the murder of all the men of a belligerent Jewish tribe and the enslavement of all its women and children, following the seizure of Medina - irrespective of whether they were combatants or not. In similar manner, many Muslim leaders justify the killing of Israeli civilians by Muslim suicide bombers and some also justify the terror on the tube because of the UK's role in the invasion of Iraq. Over and above this all-pervasive contradictory attitude within Islam are Islamic laws which are even more straightforwardly barbaric on a host of topics, such as holding a woman's testimony in a court of law to be worth less than a man's, or the mandatory death penalty for practicing homosexuals and Muslims whose conscience tells them to leave Islam (apostates). Some Muslims choose to turn a blind eye to the uncomfortable words that stare them in the face. But as people who (along with hundreds of others) narrowly escaped death on the underground, we strongly feel that this conspiracy of silence about the very real violence in religious texts needs to be broken."

August 14th is the day that Jews observe as their day of mourning, *Tish'ah b'Av* ("The Ninth Day of Av" in their calendar). It was the day when the first temple, Solomon's temple, was destroyed by the King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar. The Second temple, that stood at time of Jesus, was destroyed by Romans in 70 A.D. as Jesus had said it would be.

This year, August 14th, there was another reason added for the Israel's day of mourning. That day Israel had to give Gaza to the Palestinians, as demanded by UN, US and all the West, "land for peace". Never in the history of the world has a nation been required to give back land that they won in a war where they were not even attackers.

It will not bring peace, as Palestinians have said: **they will not rest until they have "all of Israel and Jerusalem as their capitol". It is not the size of Israel that is in question, it is existence of Israel.** No Arab nation has ever acknowledged Israel even existing. They want to make that a reality, terrorizing Israel civilians and frightening them to give the land, piece by piece. They have seen that terrorism pays!

Even many Protestant denominations have turned against Israel, among them the Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans, United Methodists and more.

But if we belong to the King of the Jews, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, we must stand with Israel for God. It is His command to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6). Of course we know that Israel as a nation is blinded from recognizing her Messiah, "*until the fullness of gentiles [us] be come in.*" (Romans 11:25.) Our prayer must be, as was Paul's, that they will be saved (Romans 10:1-4.). The day is coming, and perhaps already has come, when Israel is pressured from all sides, more than ever, and they will ask that He returns. Zechariah 12:10 says that **then** they will "*look upon Me [Jesus] whom they have pierced*". By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul promised, "*so shall all Israel be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer [Jesus], and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob [Israel].*" (Romans 11:26.) We must be faithful to God and His Word and pray for the peace of Jerusalem/Israel until the Prince of Peace comes.

From our mailbox:

(I have exchanged several letters with a Mormon man. It seemed as if we are making progress. He, however, has a problem with baptism.):

*“You are wrong in saying that baptism is not required for salvation. Jesus showed us an example. He was baptized! **Baptism removes our sins, and thus it is necessary for salvation.** In Acts 2: 38, Peter said, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of Holy Ghost.’ Mark also said, ‘John baptized in the wilderness, and preach the **baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.**’ So there you have a proof from the scriptures that baptism is for remission of sins. **Our sins must be removed for us to go to heaven.**”*

My reply:

From the beginning of time, it was blood that made an atonement for sins. God made the first animal sacrifice to cover the sin of Adam and Eve. Lev. 17:11 says that *it is the blood that makes an atonement for our souls.* 1 John 1:7 declares that *“...the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.”* Hebr. 9:22 agrees, that *“without shedding of blood, there is no remission [of sins].”* Eph. 1:7 *“...we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”* Rev. 1:5, *“...Jesus Christ, who...washed us from our sins in His own blood.”*

When Jesus was baptized, **He showed what He was going to do for us. He was going to be put to death, buried and then resurrected.** John the Baptist said of Him, *“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”* (John 1:29.) As the Lamb of God, He was killed for us, and His sacrifice (blood) takes away our sins. **Jesus was sinless, so His baptism could not have been an example of remission of sins!**

Romans 6: 3-4 says, *“Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the power of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life.”* **John the Baptist was preparing the way for Jesus. He preached baptism of repentance. The “believers’ baptism” is not the same as “John’s baptism”, which was preparing people to believe in Jesus.** (Read Acts 19:2-5). **(John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah, spoken of in Malachi 3:1, to prepare the way for Messiah.** Matt. 11:10 and Luke 7: 27 confirm it.)

When we accept Jesus and are born again, we receive forgiveness of sins. It is our faith in Him that saves us, not baptism that comes after. (Eph. 2:8-9.) That is why those who had been baptized by “John’s Baptism” (Acts 19:3-5), were baptized again **into the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Baptism before having faith in Jesus would not be a picture of what He did for us and our faith in Him!** In studying the Acts 2:38 from the original language, and comparing what Peter said also and in Acts. 10:34-43, we see that remission of sins comes to those who **believe in Jesus.** *“...whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.”* I. e. baptism has nothing to do with remission of sins. **We are baptized after we believe and are forgiven.** Our sins are removed by the **Blood of the Lamb.** The word “for” in Acts 2:38 has confused a lot of people who have not checked what brings the remission of sins. In summary: **We are baptized because of our faith in Christ who has forgiven our sins.** I hope this helps. In Christ, Rauni.

Another anonymous Mormon vented:

“I don’t get it! What is the point? Forgive me for yawning, but your article “A Mormon Church Translator for 15 Years and Her High Councilman Husband” I read from www.exmormon.org is more of the same recycled attacks

used by the detractors of the Church. Conventional wisdom in the Church suggests to ignore sour grapes such as yourself (which I usually do), but I am of the opinion that there are times when people such as yourself should be confronted for perpetrating deceptions about the Lord's Church. If you were a Church member then I am sure you are familiar with the term "son of perdition." I know what the scriptures say about people like you and what their fate will be. In light of that, my disgust with the "spiritual pornography" you perpetrate is tempered by the sorrow and sympathy I feel for misguided individuals such as yourself. So your article did succeed in earning my sympathy. May God have mercy on your soul at the last day“.

My reply:

You did not get it? Could it be because *your leaders have done your thinking*, and you cannot bring yourself to reason and learn for yourself, even though it is commonly known that **repetition is key to learning**? **You just yawn, rather than learn.** Have you accepted a non-thinking attitude :"*When our leaders speak, the thinking has been done*"? (LDS Ward Teacher's Message, Deseret News, Church Section.)

You asked what is the point? You did not see that either?! **Our point is** (I thought it was clear - it has been clear to many hundreds of others) **that Mormonism is not what it pretends to be, but is a counterfeit Christian religion, worshiping former mortal man as god the father, and a Lucifer's brother as "Jesus", etc.** "*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man...*" (Romans 1:22-23.) The Bible (KJV) says that "**God is not a man**" (Numbers. 23:19; Hosea 11:9; Job 9:32 etc.) The Bible also clearly teaches that there were *no Gods before God* of the Bible, *nor after Him*. (Isaiah 43:10) My God, who knows everything, does not even know any other Gods, so I can be sure that there are none other than He! (Isaiah 44:8) **Jesus said that God is Spirit**, (John 4:24). I'd rather believe Jesus than Joseph Smith, who said that his god is a former mortal man who "*learned how to be god*" (Teachings pp. 345-346), and who has a body of flesh and bones (D&C 130:22), even though he (Joseph) had taught previously that God the Father does not have a body, but is Spirit. (Lectures of Faith, V.) Jesus of the Bible is the Creator of Lucifer and all things, and thus He could not be Satan's brother and a created being. He is literally **God Himself with us**. (Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:23; John 1:1-3, 14; Col. 1:16 etc.)

In our paper, **in all doctrinal points, we quote LDS leaders**. You call that "*spiritual pornography*". Wow!! I would not quite go that far myself, but I agree that much of their teachings are at least blasphemous when put under the light of the Holy Bible.

If you want to read more of **their writings and conference sermons**, or as you say, "*spiritual pornography*", we have a list of some topics they have spoken on our website. The list is titled "*Adam God - and other man elevating doctrines*". Point your browser at www.hismin.com/Adam-God01.html. All books we are quoting from are available, as are 26 volumes of Journal of Discourses. They are even on the Internet, and they are also available in Utah libraries if you don't have them yourself. From BYU library you can find most of the other journals and books you cannot find elsewhere. Perhaps, after you bother to read them for yourself, you would not be so eager to attack us or others who quote their writings. We have put this information on the Internet so that **those who want to know can find out the truth**. Since you went looking for them, something about Mormonism must have troubled your conscience. We did not twist your arm, or did we?

I do pray that God of the Bible will open your eyes as He opened ours.

Sincerely, Rauni Higley

An LDS man has questions, and comments:

"I TOOK A LOOK THRU YOUR WEBSITE AND ENJOYED READING YOUR INFORMATION, BUT IT

DID NOT CONVINC ME FOR I HAVE A TESTIMONY THAT THE LDS CHURCH IS THE ONLY TRUE CHURCH ON THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH. I WILL MAKE SOME COMMENTS CONCERNING YOUR ARTICLE.

1. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST SURE IS WONDERFUL. I LOVE THE SAVIOR MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD. I LOVE READING THE BIBLE AND STUDYING THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST.

2. I ALSO LOVE READING ANOTHER WITNESS OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE BOOK OF MORMON ALONG WITH THE MODERN DAY REVELATIONS GIVEN BY THE LORD TO THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH.

3. IT AMAZES ME THAT WHEN THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH WAS KILLED PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT WOULD END THE "MORMON CHURCH" IT ALSO AMAZES ME THAT THERE WERE SO CALLED "CHRISTIANS" IN THE MOB THAT MURDERED THE PROPHET AND HIS BROTHER.

4. I HAVE READ ALOT OF THINGS BY OTHER CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS ABOUT THE LDS CHURCH AND I HAVE PRAYED ABOUT IT ALL. I FELT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD BEARING WITNESS TO ME THAT THE TRUTH HAD BEEN RESTORED THRU THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH. IT SURE IS AMAZING THAT THE LDS CHURCH IS GROWING SO FAST AND FILLING THE EARTH.

5. THERE ARE ALOT OF DIFFERENT TEACHINGS OUT THERE THAT HAVE LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS AN APOSTASY. THE LORD NEEDED JOSEPH SMITH TO RESTORE THE TRUTH.

6. JOSEPH SMITH EITHER SAW GOD THE FATHER AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OR HE DIDN'T. ALL OF THE TEACHINGS OF THE LDS CHURCH ARE BASED ON HIS VISION.

7. I KNOW THAT I AM SAVED THRU JESUS CHRIST BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT I WILL BE JUDGED BY MY WORKS AND REWARDED ACCORDINGLY. "

My reply:

I have a few comments on your comments. I will number them accordingly:

1. Lord Jesus of the Bible surely is an awesome God. Jesus of the LDS church, however, does not even exist, for he is simply a product of Joseph Smith's vivid imagination. Let me explain what I mean: Jesus of the Bible is not the same Jesus as the LDS "Jesus", who is a spirit-brother of Lucifer, all angels and all mankind. He is a "different Jesus" than Jesus of traditional, biblical Christianity, as the LDS church leaders admit. Jesus of the Bible is eternally self-existent God, who came to save His own. **He is the Creator of all**, and thus could not be a "brother" of beings He created. He has never been less than God Almighty. (Please read Isa. 9:6-; 7:14; Matt. 1:23; John 1:1-3, 14; Col. 1:16.) The LDS church has just taken the historical information from the Bible, and then attached that to "their Jesus" - same name, same places, etc., but **a totally different person than Jesus we know as Our Awesome God**. I think that the reason why you love to read the Bible is because **it presents the truth**, even if you do not fully understand it, not yet at least. **You need to learn who the true God is and then you will really love reading the Bible!** God of the Bible is Spirit (John 4:24). Spirit does not have body of flesh and bones. (Luke 24:39) God of the Bible did not "progress" or "become a God" as is taught by Mormons, but He has always been God. Because His love for mankind, He, the Second Person of the Trinity, took upon Himself a **form of a man** while remaining fully God (Phil. 2:6-8.) Jesus was 100% God and 100% a man. Mormonism teaches that Jesus "became a god" as all Mormons also hope to become, but **the Jesus I serve has always been God** - He is not a created being as you and I are.

2. **The Book of Mormon is not a witness of Jesus of the Bible I know**, but instead a witness of **"another Jesus"**, warned about in 2 Cor. 11:4 and elsewhere.

3. As to Joseph Smith's death, it is too bad that he was killed, for had he lived, the church he founded, would have, more than likely, ended because of his wicked lifestyle (among them his "marriages" to several dozen women, and also to about a dozen already married women).

I too used to believe what the Mormon church says, that he was **"martyred"**, and that he went **"as a lamb going to slaughter"** until I learned from the **History of the Church** that **he actually died in a gunfight**, and that he killed two men and wounded a third one before he run out of bullets and was shot.

4. You say that you have prayed about the LDS church and **"felt the spirit of the Lord bearing witness"** to you that it is true. How do you know that it was the *Spirit of the LORD*? I think that you felt **"another spirit"**, also warned of in 2 Cor. 11:4, along with **"another gospel"** and **"another Jesus"**. We are **not** told in the Bible to pray about prophets, books or churches whether they are true, but **we are told in the Bible to**

STUDY the Word to learn the truth given by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16), rather than being susceptible to false spirits that would love to fool **those who have not studied carefully first what God has said about Himself and salvation. We are told to prove all things.** (1 Thess. 5:21) John (in 1 John 4:1) commands that we must **test the spirits** whether they are of God, because there are and will be false prophets who teach "*damnable heresies*" (2 Peter 2:1), and that there are demonic spirits waiting to answer with "good feelings", prayers of those who do not know God. The reason **we must test all things first by the Word of God, the Bible, is because IT IS THE WORD OF GOD** and teaches to all, who seek God, who He is, and who He is not. (Jer. 29:13.) 1 Tim. 4:1 warns us that there will be those who will "*give heed to seductive spirits and doctrines of devils*" (demons), who lead the gullible astray (been there, that is how I know). If we know what the Bible, through and through, teaches about God, we would not accept false gods taught by false prophets. Joseph Smith said that **God was once a mortal man**, like we are now. Please check what the Bible says about God. It says that **God is not a man** (Numbers 23:19; Hosea 11:9; Isa. 31:3-4; Job 9:32; 1 Sam. 15:29). It says that God is God from "**everlasting to everlasting**" (Ps. 90:2), meaning that there NEVER was a time when He was not God. Joseph Smith taught that his god was not God from all eternity, and that he had a father (and a mother) and that that god likewise had parents, etc. Joseph Smith taught that men "*must learn how to be Gods, same as all Gods have done before*". (Teachings, p. 345-346.)The Bible says that there was **no God before Him, nor after Him.** (Isa. 43:10). God of the Bible does not even know any other Gods, and thus He did not have a father-god before him, Isa. 44:6, 8.

5. As to apostasy, there has always been people who have strayed away, apostatized from God's truth. Israel was periodically guilty of forsaking their true God, but **God always saved a remnant** (Isa. 1:9; Jer. 23:3; Ez. 6:8; Joel 2:32; Romans 11:5.) Jesus said that even the gates of hell will not prevail against His Church (Matt. 16:18). His Church is not an organization, it is His believers, who constitute His Body. (Col. 1:18, 24, etc.) Are you saying that Jesus was wrong or that He lied, and that there was a total apostasy and departure from Him? No, there was not! Jesus' words are true. **He alone is the Way, He is the Truth, and He alone gives eternal life.** (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)

6. **Joseph Smith did not see God the Father. No one has seen God** (John 1:18; 1 John 4:12), because **God is Spirit** (John 4:24). I am aware, as you correctly say, that **current teachings** of the LDS church **about God** are based on that vision. However, Joseph Smith's doctrine of God evolved. He did not teach that God was a former mortal man until just about 2 months before he was killed. Before that he taught that God was a Spirit, and that only Jesus has a body of flesh and bones. (Lectures of Faith, Lecture 5.)

The Book of Mormon **does not teach** that God is a man either, nor that men will become Gods, or that there are more than one God, as does the LDS church. You must know that the LDS church teaches that the Book of Mormon contains the "**fullness of the gospel**" (D&C 20:9), meaning that all needed doctrines are in it, **but yet none of the important doctrines of the LDS church are in it.** (Show me from the Book of Mormon baptism for the dead, command to do genealogy, eternal marriage, two priesthoods, temples, polygamy, etc.?) The Jesus, presented in the Book of Mormon was a destroyer who caused hundreds of thousands of people be killed and their cities destroyed. He was not a savior. Read 3 Nephi, chapters 8 and 9 and see for yourself. When Jesus of the Bible died, **many were resurrected after His resurrection, but no one else was killed.** (Matt. 27:51-53.) He was not sent to condemn the world, but to save. (John 3:17.) Only later He will come as a judge, when He comes again. (Rev. 19:11-16.)

7. Our salvation is the gift of God, not a reward of works. (Eph. 2:8-9) However, what we have done for Christ, out of pure motivation for the glory of God and not of selfish ambition, will be rewarded by God. (Read 1 Cor. 3:11-15.) Works done for self-promotion or not of pure motives will be burned, but all who have accepted the Lord Jesus of the Bible, will still be saved "as through fire". In other words, **works do not save anyone, but will be rewarded if we are already saved by the gift of God.** (Gal. 2:16-17, 21.) **Only Jesus saves.**

Thank you for your letter and thus giving me an opportunity to give my testimony and witness for Jesus of the Bible. In Christ Jesus, who is Eternal God, Rauni Higley.

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God is good. We love serving Him and working for His people. You all are a blessing to us, both in your encouragement we receive by letters and support, and for your prayers in our behalf. We have had our hard times, but it goes with this work - spiritual war is at times harder than any physical work. We know,

however, that if we do not have problems, it perhaps means that we have not fought hard enough...☺
Our enemy also relaxes if we are not diligent in our work! For that we can say that our problems show that we are in a fierce fight most of the time. We praise our Lord for delivering us from all our troubles, as He delivered Joseph in Egypt. (Acts 7:9-10.) **Our past is our guarantee for our future** - He has done it in our past, He will do it in our future as long as we serve Him. We have many "success stories" of the Lord's deliverance to tell you next time. We ran out of space...

Thank you for your help, support and prayers.

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