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(H.I.S.) He Is Savior, Acts 4:12

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We are asked all the time why we “*attack Mormons*”! They say, “*You left Mormonism, but you cannot leave it alone – why?*” First of all we do not attack Mormons. We expose Mormonism because it is wrong, it is counterfeit Christianity promoting “another Jesus” (2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15) who has the same name, but is not the same being! That “*Jesus*” has no power to save for *he is not God with us* (Mat. 1:24; John 1:1, 14), but a created being, a brother of all from the Mormon *preexistence*, and also a brother of Lucifer who contended, they say, to become the “savior” of mankind.

To those who do not know better (as I too was when I joined), Mormonism may look good and real, like some well-made counterfeit moneys can also look real, but when inspected carefully, that money has no value, neither does Mormonism. We inform Mormons about what we have learned because we care – for them. We were there and believed what they, in ignorance of God’s truth, still believe. (Paul lamented about how he also was ignorant of God’s truth prior to Jesus’ call. See: 1 Tim. 1:13-15.)

What drives us, Dennis and I, is that people die every day – and in our view, most dying here are Mormons, who are not going to heaven as they may think they are. We are compelled to let people know what we found out when we agreed to inspect and test Mormonism by the Word of God, the Bible. (1 Thess. 5:21.) We learned that Mormons after they die, while having been, humanly speaking, “good people”, are not going to heaven, but to hades (hell). That is because they have believed in and worshipped a false god (gods, actually), and have not known who the Jesus of the Bible really is and why He (God) became a man and died to pay our deserved penalty of death. (Romans 6:23; 3:23; Mark 2:7; John 8:23-24; 14; 6.) God’s desire is that all will come to the knowledge of Truth and be saved. (1 Tim. 2:3-6.) This is the reason why we inform them about biblical truth.

We are often told by LDS people that since the Bible teaches that God is love and Mormons are “good people”, He will not send them to hell for a “*mere identity error*” of who Jesus really is.

The truth of the matter is that God is not sending anyone to hell! Only people that will end up in hell are those who refuse to accept God’s Word and the truth about Jesus and salvation presented and taught in His Book, the Bible. People are going to hell because they choose to believe falsehoods, instead of Truth.

Actually there are very few people who would want to go to hell. People that will end up in hell are those who have either rejected the truth found in the Bible, or no one has ever presented to them the truth about who God is, who Jesus is and how we can be saved, or they are those who believe that there is no such a place as eternal hell, and thus nothing to be worried about. As a matter of fact, today’s Mormonism teaches that there is no eternal hell, in contrast to the Book of Mormon that says, “...the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell. An behold, others he flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell... thus he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance... and they must go into the place prepared for them, even the lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.” (2 Nephi 28:21-23.) Many Mormons who begin to see that Mormonism “*might be*

*somewhat wrong*”, try to pacify themselves with a “*second chance of salvation*”. Well, their Book of Mormon teaches against that too. The Book of Mormon says, “...*this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God...I beseech you that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end...for the same spirit which doth possess your spirit at the time ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in the 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’re 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.)

It is not just Mormons that say there is no such a place as eternal hell of fire and brimstone, there are now more people than ever who have never gone to a Bible teaching church, who do not know the Lord and who are dying and going to hell simply because they did not understand that when they die, they will either go to be with God in eternal Heaven –or they will then be destined to an eternal hell.

We are not able to convert people, for that is the work of the Holy Spirit, but we are commanded to share the information about God’s Truth and the Way to salvation. (John 14:6.)

We must inform because we know that all people are created in the image of the *invisible eternal God* – which means that our spirits are likewise eternal and we live forever either with God in heaven or with Satan in hell. Only our physical bodies die, but our spirit will never die. This puts urgency to our hearts to share the truth as God has commanded all who know this, to do. In Ezekiel 33:7-9, God lets us know that everyone who has been warned (and we have been), has been appointed as “*watchmen*” for others to warn them about their future if they do not yet know the danger that could be coming. *God, through Ezekiel, says that if those who know about the danger but will not warn others, God will hold them responsible.* That is the reason why we have a website ([www.hismin.com](http://www.hismin.com)) for warning and teaching; that is why we write these newsletters, teach classes and answer emails, postal letters and phone calls from those wanting to know and reason with us. (Isa. 1:18.) We also meet with them to converse at our home or where ever they feel comfortable to meet with us. Our hope is in Jesus Christ of the Bible, who is *God with us* (Matt. 1:23). He came to save all who willingly receive Him and thus *become God’s children* through a new birth. (John 1:12-13; 3:3, 7, 16.) All we can do is to try to make sure that they know about the choice that is theirs. What they ultimately choose to do is something that every person has to decide for themselves. Having been born to Christian parents does not guarantee salvation – even attending to a good Christian church will not do it - everyone has to personally approach God, repent and ask the Lord Jesus to come into their hearts and lives and save them. We can only repeat what the scriptures promise, namely that anyone who with their whole heart asks God’s forgiveness and salvation will be saved, no works needed – just faith in Him who came to save. (Romans 10:9-10; Eph. 2:8-9; John 3:16; 6:28-29, 37-40.)

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### 3 questions from an LDS person:

*“1. How do we know that the Bible is true and that it is God’s Word? 2. How do we know that God is real? 3. Also, if there is God, how do we know that He cares for us, mere simple people? “*

**Reply:** The Bible is a collection of 66 books. It contains two major sections known as the Old Testament, containing 39 books, and the New Testament, containing 27 books, words given to God’s chosen people to write down. (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16.) The Bible was written by 40 different authors in different places and even different continents over 1500 years of time. The Old Testament was a complete canon (set of books) by about 400 B.C. The New Testament books were written between about 40 and 100 A.D. by disciples of Jesus who knew Him personally. They were passed on as letters to believers, until these 27 books were formally adopted as the *New Testament Canon* in Synod of Carthage in 397 A.D.

The Bible is the most tested and critiqued book in the world, tested against observable facts in history, archeology and other secular historical writings from similar periods of time. It is also a book of prophecy, meaning that it predicted what will happen in later times, and what has been observed to have happened exactly as was written, in many cases hundreds of years later. The Bible has been translated into more than two thousand languages. Many people suppose that the Bible translation took place from one language to another, and thus, they say, it must have lost much of its meaning. These doubters say and assume that what we have today is substantially different from the intention of the original writers.

However, this is not how the Bible translation happens. It is not translated from language to language to language. There are biblical manuscripts in the original languages. The Old Testament was written mostly in Hebrew, with a small portion in the Book of Daniel in Aramaic. The New Testament was written in Greek. These are known languages that are widely studied, and there are thousands of manuscripts of biblical books in these languages. So, for example, our English Bible has not been translated from Hebrew to Greek to Latin to German to English, etc. It has been translated directly from the original languages. When the Bible is translated into a new language, it is not translated from English to that new language; it is translated directly from the original languages. When we read the Bible we can be confident that we are reading God's Word.

When studying the Bible, we recommend word-for-word translations as KJV, NKJV or NASB.

In order to test correctness for yourself, you may (as we have done) want to invest in an *Interlineal Bible in Hebrew and Greek* with English meaning below each word. Thus you can personally verify the meaning to see how it is in the approved manuscripts.

For serious Bible study, we would not recommend *paraphrased Bibles* as for example "*The Living Bible*".

They can be only taken as (more or less accurate) commentaries, presenting what someone thinks the Word says, but not what it actually says.

Although we need to get and use the most accurate translation of the Bible available to us, we still must be willing and diligent to verify what we do not understand. That can be done also by using the best commentaries to help our thought process. However, we must not stop studying God's Word just "because we think that we cannot figure out what is true and what is not." That kind of questioning could be the devil's clever trick to get us away from God's Word all together. We must remember that it was the Spirit of God who gave His Word to us (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21) and we, who are born again believers in Christ, have that same Holy Spirit living in us – and He will interpret God's Word to us correctly if we only ask. (John 14:16-17, 26.)

God has also revealed Himself to mankind *without words* in "*general revelation*" so that mankind is without excuse! (Romans 1:19-20.) We can witness God's realness by the splendor of His creation. (Ps. 19:1.) We can see His amazing creation whether we look at it though a telescope or through a microscope, and thus we can visibly experience His creative power. (Ps. 19:2-4.) After seeing that and coming to realization that there must be God who created all this, He will personally become involved and reveal Himself to everyone who asks and wants to know Him ! GOD IS REAL!

Apostle John begins his gospel message by defining who Jesus is: *GOD WITH US*. "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... and the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us.*" (John 1:1, 14.)

Jesus is the Word. He reveals Himself to us by the Word. He is *an Image of Invisible God* (Col. 1:15; 2:9) and as we continue reading and learning, His *Word* will manifest His will for each one of us.

It is by words we use that our friends come to know us. Our words are expressions of our otherwise invisible thoughts that no one can see. When we reveal our thoughts either spoken or written words, our thoughts become visible and we become known to you.

Apostle John, who wrote these words, had lived with Jesus about 3 years. He had seen Him in all manner of situations and later witnessed His death, burial, resurrection and His ascent to heaven. He knew who Jesus

was and is. Jesus is God in human flesh and God's Word to our human race. (John 1:1-18.) Through His Word we are offered knowledge of Him and personal relationship with Him.

We have this incredible blessing of personal relationship with our Lord offered to all of us if we just study and meditate in His Word and apply it to our lives, and also share it with others. *"... sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you of reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience: that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ."* (1 Peter 3:15-16.)

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We are challenging all to study God's Word seriously. He has promised, *"...[when] you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."* (Jer. 29:13-13.)

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*"Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."* (John Adams)

Remaining a Mormon requires ignorance of facts of what Mormonism really is. Many Mormons who discover the facts about their Church, leave it. Sadly, many of them, when they see what they had been involved in could not be true, are not willing to search out if there is God, but instead *"turn agnostic or atheists"*. IRR's Joel Groat wrote about that some time ago saying, *"They didn't really turn, they just became what they already were – practical atheists. After all, there is no ultimate, transcendent God in Mormonism, there is only an infinite progression of glorified men who worked their way to divine state that enabled them to create other men to repeat the process. Where is the wholly other, eternal, transcendent God of the Bible in that?"* Because there is no real God in Mormonism – they become what they already were: Atheists.

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We have received many requests to begin again our classes on *Understanding Mormonism*. We will consider it in September, depending on health issues I am facing. In the meantime we have invited those asking to just come and study with us at our home – and some have already done that.

Our class lessons are available on our website: [www.hismin.com/understanding-mormonism](http://www.hismin.com/understanding-mormonism) . They can be printed from there and we will be glad to answer your questions and give further information as needed. This is one way that we can help you at any time – without a set class-time.

Our friends and new believers in Australia we have been reporting about for last 5 months or so, are growing in the Lord and in His Word, and we are blessed by their faithfulness to spread the word to their friends who are still in Mormonism. We understand that for many this is a very slow process for there can be many emotional hang-ups involving family and other friends, and for some even their jobs can become obstacles for freedom to make a change. We are asking that you pray for these dear people, and for us too, as we try to help and encourage them.

Please pray with us also for those Mormons here locally that we are currently working with. As is often the case, problems come from their family members that are not willing to hear, and are opposing their plan to leave the LDS Church. We know how it is from our personal experiences many years ago. The Lord will make it easier for them if we just pray for them.

We have had our trials, and it is so good to know that you, our partners and friends, are praying for us and that you also have shown your willingness to help us through these hard times. We want to thank you and make sure you know how much your faithfulness to the Lord and to us means. We pray for you likewise, asking that the Lord will bless your life and family and *"supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* (Phil. 4:19.)

My cousin, Maikki, is arriving from Finland with her 17-year old grandson, Juho, on 7/3/18 to visit us and stay for a couple of weeks. I have been in Utah over 50 years and she is the only relative of mine that has made plans to come to see us. The closest relatives that I have are a few cousins, and I do not even know most of them. When Dennis and I were in Finland 4 years ago, Maikki had arranged a “cousins’ party” in honor of us. It was very interesting party, to say the least, for from about dozen of them, I only have met and knew two, Maikki and her brother Pekka, and them only from our early childhood. I was a stranger to all my relatives all my life for we never lived close to any of them.

They had heard that I had become a Mormon, which was very strange to them. It seemed to be a relief to them that I had separated myself from Mormonism, a religion that to them (all Lutherans) is very weird. To my knowledge, Maikki is the only relative of mine who has professed her faith in Jesus and is born again. Faith is considered a private matter among most Lutherans in Finland, and is not talked about much, which is sad to me. We hope to make our relationship closer and more meaningful now that she will be with us for these couple of weeks. Perhaps she can even share with them what she learns about our faith in Jesus after she gets back and report about our life in Utah USA. ☺

After they go back, we are hoping to go to Montana to visit Mickey, Eric, Nicole and their 3 young sons. After Eric and Nicole became believers in the Lord Jesus of the Bible, they wanted out of Utah and they moved to Montana, and Eric’s mother, Mickey, joined them. Leaving Mormonism was a bit difficult for Eric for he, like both of us, had also been a Mormon missionary. Teaching Eric and Nicole for months some years ago about how Mormonism differs from true biblical Christianity, was our blessing and we became dear friends forever.

We again ask you to join in prayers for health for Judy, Cynthia, Al, Sandy, Dale, Sharon, Max and Kathy, Suzi, Aira, Tom, Mary, Dave and David. We thank the Lord for answering many of your past prayers for them.

We are asking also that you’d pray with us for MaryAnn, Cheryl, Suzanne, Heber and Don and give them the Lord’s peace to carry on and be faithful to Him.

We send you our love and God’s blessings,

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### **Thought for the month:**

*“What is salvation? Salvation is not believing something and being a good person. Salvation is receiving Someone, that is Jesus, God with us.” Adrian Rogers*

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