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*HE IS SAVIOR, ACT 4:12

HIS MINISTRIES MAY-JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER, COVERING APRIL AND MAY 2025

On the morning of April 6th something unexpected happened to me while I was starting to make a simple salad for dinner.

We had invited few of our Christian friends for Sunday afternoon dinner, and I had planned to make a salad before Chino Hill's Sunday morning church service began. I had just gotten all needed items on the kitchen counter while Dennis was there preparing what he needed to have ready for our meal also. He noticed that I was just standing there, motionless. He looked at me and asked, *Rauni, what's wrong?* **And something was wrong!** It took some time for us to figure it out. **I had had a stroke (TIA).** I could not talk or move. He contacted our Cardiologist, and testing began... It had been a small blood clot that caused a mini stroke. I was not able to communicate for several days. I had an ultra sound taken of my arteries and I was also put on a *24/7 heart monitor* for a week to record what was going on in my heart. It revealed four different heart problems. Dr. Nielson, our Cardiologist, was sure that with heart medicine and plenty of rest I would be fine even sooner than we think. This *minor stroke* may have been just a warning to pay attention and rest.

Bill McKeever and Eric Johnson had expanded their **Mormonism Research Ministry** and opened the **Utah Christian Research Center and much needed Christian Bookstore**. It is a beautiful *museum-like Research Center*, where visitors can see **authenticity of the Bible, the only Word of God**, with real historic evidences Bill and Eric have collected from Israel and the Middle East. On Saturday mornings they are inviting other Christian ministries to come (for 1-2 hrs.) and share from their ministry-expertise and knowledge of the Bible. Almost 2 months ago, Eric had asked me to come (on the 17th of May) to share my experience in translating **the secret Mormon Temple rituals** that Joseph Smith had introduced to some of his most trusted members, and later also others who, by *their faithful life and obedience to the Mormon Church*, could also qualify to receive them. Joseph Smith had told that **he had received these sacred ceremonies by a direct revelation from God** (in 1842) **with an emphasis that they must be kept secret upon the penalty of death**, and he had also **said that no part of these rituals and oaths will never be altered or changed**.

These **"temple words"** (as they call them) are not allowed to be used or talked about even among *Mormons outside of a temple* for these secret words could reveal something about **"what goes on in there"** to those who are not *temple-worthy* members.

(However, about 150 years later **much of these rituals were changed and large portions were totally removed** by the then **current high leadership of the LDS Church**.)

I worked for the Mormon Church as a *translator and language coordinator* for almost 15 years. It was after 5 year of working there that I was assigned to translate *"all that was said and done in their temples"*.

I received special instructions concerning **"the holiness of this work"**. Anything written about the Temple ceremonies is not and **was not allowed to be taken from the Temple**, not even to the *Church's Translation department* (on the 21st Floor of the Church Office BLDG) where my office was. **Translation of the ordinances and rituals was to be done in a special place of the Salt Lake Temple**, right behind **the Great Assembly Hall**, in

“the Talmage Room”, where Apostle James Talmage had written “Jesus the Christ”, and also “Articles of Faith” that is in actuality about the Mormon Creed (confession of LDS beliefs). This Great Assembly Hall, on the 5th Floor of the SL Temple, was built in the pattern of the Freemason Priesthood Hall. Only persons with a special pass could enter any of these areas on the 5th floor or the 4th floor where General authorities meet on Thursdays.

There had been many people praying for me, asking that if the LORD wants me to talk about translating these secret ceremonies, dealing with **the most holiest and deepest doctrines of Mormonism, at The Utah Christian Research Center**, He will give me the words that I can say at this time, and leave the rest for a later date when I am completely healed from my stroke.

I knew that the LORD was with me, and I felt His presence when I spoke there. My speaking was slow because of this illness, but my memory was back already. Anyway, there was so much more that I had wanted to say, but since Eric announced to those in attendance that I am willing to come back in the fall, when I am all better, to answer questions about matters related to Mormonism and especially to their temple ordinances.

Since Dennis and I had been *total believers in Mormon teachings*, and we both had even served a mission for the LDS Church, we knew what they taught about God, Jesus and salvation, but we were not aware of the differences with the Bible teachings. But after we found God’s Truth from the Bible, we see now how totally anti-biblical Mormon beliefs are.

From the moment we realized that it was *the true God of the Bible* who was actually calling us to minister to Mormons, and that all those years we had been *“living and believing in Mormonism”* had not been *“wasted life and time”* as we at first were lamenting, but instead it had been in God’s plan for us all along.

WE CAME TO SEE THAT THE LORD GOD HAD PUT US IN SCHOOL TO LEARN HOW DANGEROUSLY WRONG MORMONISM WAS AND TO LEARN WHAT WE WILL BE WORKING AGAINST. Our ministry became HIS MINISTRY. *HIS Ministry’s* purpose from the start has been to define how Mormonism defers from biblical Christianity, and let God’s truth and His Holy Spirit convert those who, like us, begin questioning and wanting to know who the true God is, who the true Jesus is, and how and by WHOM people can be saved!

In order for Mormons to see the difference, we must first tell *them who the God of the Mormon Church is that they believe in, and who Jesus they present as the Son of God, really is*. This is extremely important, for these differences make it impossible for a Mormon to be saved as long as they cling to their understanding and belief in a different God than God of the Bible, and in a different Jesus than Jesus of the Bible, who is God who became a man to die for our sin. For Jesus they believe in is just a man, *their spirit brother and a brother of Lucifer also*, who was not eternal God, but after living as a man on earth became a God as Mormons believe they can also become. Mormons use the KJV Bible mostly when speaking about God or Jesus, but *the interpretation of the words they take from the Bible are based on their “latter-day prophets’ interpretation” of who their God is*. Mormons do not accept the Bible’s teaching of a Triune God; which is One God who is Spirit (John 4:24) (the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost). Mormons actually believe in a *“chain of Gods”*, mortal men, who through eternal progression *became Gods*. When Joseph Smith started his church (1830), he taught then what his Book of Mormon also says that *there is only one God who is Spirit*, but 14 years later (1844) he changed his teaching of who his God actually is. He informed his followers that they all had not actually known, but just *imagined, who God is*. Joseph Smith said *“I am going tell you how God came to be God... we have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea, and take away the veil, so that you can see... He was once a man like us...the God himself, the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth, the same as Jesus Christ himself did...here then is eternal life to know the only wise and true God; and you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves... same as all gods have done before you...by going from exaltation to exaltation until you attain the resurrection of the dead, and are able to dwell in everlasting burnings, in immortal glory.”* This is who the God of Mormonism is. Sounds like they will live in *the Lake of Fire*, does it not? (Teachings, pp. 345-7.) [See also Rev. 20:10-15.]

There is no one so good that they need not to be saved, and no one so bad that they cannot be saved.
Our work is to bring Mormons to know God of the Bible, be saved and escape from hell and eternal fire.

Let's now look what the Bible says about God, salvation and eternal life:

Apostle Paul, who formerly was a persecutor of Christians after his conversion to Christ, he wrote:

"This is the faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came unto the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." (1 Tim. 1:15.)

What do we have to know and believe in order to be saved and gain eternal life?

Jesus declared: ***"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent."*** (John 17:3.) In other words, **eternal life results in a true and correct knowledge of God and Jesus Christ.** ["Christ" = Messiah.] In other words, who is ***"the only true God"*** and who is ***"the only true Jesus Christ"***? **The only true God is a Triune God, i.e. Trinity.** ***"GOD IS SPIRIT, AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM, MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH."*** (John 4:24.)

Question: How do you define Triune God? **Answer:** ***"Within the unity of One God there are three eternal Persons – The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three eternal Persons share the same nature and attributes. In effect these three Persons are the One True God of the Bible."*** (Deut. 6:4): ***"Hear, O Israel, THE LORD (YHVH) our God (Elohyim) is one LORD (YHVH)." This is called "Shema", a creed that devout Jews repeat daily.*** (See also Deut. 11:13-21 and Numb. 15:13-21; Mark 12:29.) **Elohyim is a plural expression of One God who IS three eternal Persons** [-im ending in a Hebrew word indicates plurality]. **This One God has only one name, and that is YHVH** – (Jehovah in English). [Eloah, singular, Elohyim plural – but the verb in connection to Elohyim is always in the singular – **One God.**]

Jesus is the Second Person in the Triune God.

"In Him (Jesus) dwells all the fullness of Godhead bodily." [Col. 2:9 explains what fullness of the Godhood means.] I.e. Only Jesus was here bodily, and Father and Holy Spirit dwell in Jesus. JESUS is God with us. (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1-3, 14; 8:24.)

The Gospel of Matthew (1:1) begins with, ***"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham..."*** and continues... ***"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit...and an angel of the Lord appeared to him (Joseph) in a dream saying... do not be afraid to take to you Mary, your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit... and you shall call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins...that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us'."*** (Matt. 1:18-23.)

But this is not what the Mormon Church teaches about the birth of Jesus and how He was conceived.

LDS prophet and president, Ezra Taft Benson wrote:

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints proclaims that Jesus Christ is the Son of God in the most literal sense. The body in which He performed His mission in the flesh was sired by the same Holy Being we worship as God, our Eternal Father. Jesus was not the son of Joseph, nor was He begotten by the Holy Ghost. He is the Son of the Eternal Father!" (Come unto Christ, p. 4, Ezra Taft Benson.)

"Only Begotten Son": ***"These name-titles all signify that our Lord is the only Son of the Father in the flesh. Each of the words is to be understood literally. Only means only, begotten means begotten; and Son means son. Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by their mortal fathers."*** (Mormon Doctrine, p. 547.)

Paul declared what is the Gospel that brings salvation: *"I declare to you the gospel, which I preach to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached unto you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."* (1 Cor. 15:1-4.)

Ephesians 2:8-9 clarifies how we are saved: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."*

Salvation, as taught by the LDS Church

There are three possibilities or *levels of salvation* taught in Mormonism.

1. Unconditional or general salvation that comes by grace alone without obedience to gospel law, consists of being resurrected. *This kind of salvation eventually comes to all mankind, excepting only the sons of perdition...they are resurrected but they are not redeemed from the devil...this is not the salvation of righteousness... they will be damned... their eternal progression will be cut short...in eternity they will be ministering servants to more worthy persons.*

2. Conditional or individual salvation that comes with grace coupled with gospel obedience, consists in receiving an inheritance in the celestial kingdom of god. *But even those in the celestial kingdom, however, do not go on to exaltation, and have immortality only and not eternal life. Along with those of the telestial and terrestrial worlds they will be ministering servants to minister for those who are worthy of a far more...exceeding...weight of glory. They will live "separately and singly" in an unmarried state without exaltation in their saved condition, to all eternity. (D&C 132:16-17.) This kind of salvation follows faith, baptism, receipt of the Holy Ghost and continued righteousness to the end of one's mortal probation. All others are damned.*

3. Salvation in its true and full meaning is synonymous with exaltation or eternal life and consists in gaining an inheritance in the highest of the three heavens within the celestial kingdom...this is the salvation of which the scriptures speak. *This full salvation is obtained in and through the continuation of the family unit in eternity, and **those who obtain it are gods.** Full salvation is attained by virtue of knowledge, truth, righteousness, and all true principles... Without the atonement, the gospel, the priesthood, and the sealing power, there would be no salvation... If it had not been for Joseph Smith and the restoration, there would be no salvation. THERE IS NO SALVATION OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.* (Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. 2, pp 1-350

written by LDS Prophet and President Joseph Fielding Smith. See also Mormon Doctrine, pp. 669-670.)

LDS President, Gordon B. Hinckley, was in the summer of 1998 traveling in Europe (Paris, France, Frankfurt, Germany and Geneva Switzerland), testifying what he and the Mormon Church believe about Jesus Christ. This was reported in the LDS Church News, on June 20th 1998: *"In bearing testimony of Jesus Christ, President Hinckley spoke of those outside of the Church who say that Latter-day Saints do not believe in the traditional Christ. No, I don't. The traditional Christ of whom they speak is not the Christ of whom I speak. For the Christ of whom I speak has been revealed in this Dispensation of the Fullness of Times. He, together with His Father, appeared to boy Joseph Smith in the summer of 1820, and when Joseph left the grove that day, he knew more of the nature of God than all the learned ministers of the gospel of the ages'."*

During April, 2002 LDS General Conference, president Hinckley again said, *“As a Church we have critics, many of them. They say we do not believe in the traditional Christ of Christianity. There is some substance [truth] to what they say.”* (Ensign, May 2002, p. 90.)

In contrast to the Jesus Christ revealed by Joseph Smith, the Christ of traditional Christianity was prophesied by the Old Testament prophets and revealed by the New Testament writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, Jude and James, of whom most knew Jesus personally, had walked with Him, talked with Him, lived with Him, had seen Him crucified, buried, resurrected and ascend to heaven. This Jesus Christ, He is God who became a Man, for our salvation.

THAT IS WHO CHRIST OF TRADITIONAL CHRISTIANITY IS!

Testimonies of Jesus’ apostles and disciples and the events of the times of Christ are recorded in the books of the Bible of which author is God! (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21.)

“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 grass withered, and flower thereof falls away, but the Word of the Lord endures forever.”* (1 Pet. 1:24-25.)

I received Doctors’ orders of how to get well: Take some time off from your regular daily work, and rest more till you feel well again, even if it takes a month or two.

Therefore we ask you to be patient with me and pray for both of us, for these doctors’ orders were given to both of us for Dr. Nielson who is the Cardiologist of both of us. Dennis has been taking care of me and our ministry and all else that goes on in life, and he needs additional rest also. Therefore we will obey the doctors’ orders, and for a month or so we will concentrate on rest and healing (☺). The next Newsletter after this may not come until September, but you can contact us and call or email your questions or other requests just as before. We will just take some short camping trips, *close to home in Utah*, but otherwise we will be home. BTW, we have not even used our “Camp trailer” or had any vacations since 2019, so it is perhaps time to leave the house and go camping ☺. [We bought our little Camp-trailer in 2004, and happily used it during several summers. It has been just “sitting there” unused for 6 years! Dennis is now doing some needed repairs in it.]

We thank you, our prayer-partners and supporters for your faithful assistance when needed by **HIS Ministries** and by us personally. As most of you know, we have not asked for support from anyone but from our Lord God who had called us into this work, **HIS Ministries**. **He has been faithful to us through many of you.** We are still working even though our enemy, the devil, has tried to stop us in many ways before, and he did it again *by a stroke* that could have caused even a permanent end to my work, **but God...**

We had sort of expected some kind of attack from the *enemy of our souls* who wants to keep *secret temple doctrines secret so that non-Christian context of these rituals and ordinances will not be found out*. “Secrecy and holiness” was stressed to me many times during these months I did my translation in the SL temple, as also after that during the video version that had to be *tested* at the Provo Temple.

Joining the Mormon Church by baptism does not make one a saved and *a real Mormon*. “A real Mormon is one who after convert baptism has been living according to Mormon laws 100% or from childhood to adulthood and who, after adequate testing time, can pass interviews by the Priesthood leaders and receive a temple recommend, and *then go through the initiatory ordinances and the endowment rituals*, but that is not all – later there will be sealing ordinances and the temple marriage... but as important as all this has been, it is not enough... Many 100% Mormons, even on their death-bed wonder, “Have I done enough?”

Receiving their endowments and sealings in Mormonism is more important than non-members can imagine. Without getting their temple endowments, Mormons are not ever going to their hoped for kingdom, no matter how much work they do for their salvation.

There is no salvation without having faith in Jesus of the Bible. (Salvation is free – no laws or ordinances or works are included.) (Eph. 2:8-9.) Jesus gave just one requirement: YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN. (John 3:3, 7.) New birth makes us instantly forever saved *children of God*. (John 1:12-13.)

Your prayers are needed for Judy, Marlene, Aira, Taylan and his family, Emily and her children, Heber, Helen, Elmien, Leon, Roy, Lois, Suzi, Mickey, Luke, Connie, Paul, Julie, Mark and Virve and their friend Kris in France, Sandy, Al, and Tubi and Eeva-Liisa in Finland. Special prayers are now needed for Sam's eye surgery that was last Wednesday done at Hoopes Vision. (He has had eye surgeries elsewhere that were not successful, but this one was different... but God..)

We thank the Lord for healing me faster than we expected. I am doing quite well. However, I could not have been able to write this newsletter without ***the Lord's prompting me to write it regardless...*** Now I think that I can take some time off and rest. **Our God is good, all the time.**

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:6-7.)

We wish you beautiful, restful and peaceful Summer,
May the Lord be with you all and bless you abundantly.

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