

# The Attributes of God

## LECTURE FOURTH

### Question 1: What was shown in the third lecture?

**Lecture:** Having shown in the third lecture, that correct ideas of the character of God are necessary in order to the exercise of faith in him unto life and salvation, and that without correct ideas of his character, the minds of men could not have sufficient power with God to the exercise of faith necessary to the enjoyment of eternal life, and that correct ideas of his character lay a foundation as far as his character is concerned, for the exercise of faith, so as to enjoy the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Jesus Christ, even that of eternal glory; we shall now proceed to show the connection there is between correct ideas of the attributes of God, and the exercise of faith in him unto eternal life.

**Joseph's Answer:** It was shown that correct ideas of the character of God are necessary in order to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation; and that without correct ideas of his character, men could not have power to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation, but that correct ideas of his character, as far as his character is concerned in the exercise of faith in him, lay a sure foundation for the exercise of it. (4:1)

**Micah's Thoughts:** “Joseph Smith holds the keys of this last dispensation, and is now engaged behind the veil in the great work of the last days. . . . No man or woman in this dispensation will ever enter into the celestial kingdom of God without the consent of Joseph Smith. From the day that the priesthood was taken from the earth to the winding-up scene of all things, every man and woman must have the certificate of Joseph Smith, Junior, as a passport to their entrance into the mansion where God and Christ are. . . .

“He holds the keys of that kingdom for the last dispensation---the keys to rule in the spirit world; and he rules there triumphantly, for he gained full power and a glorious victory over the power of Satan while he was yet in the flesh, and was a martyr to his religion and to the name of Christ, which gives him a most perfect victory in the spirit world. He reigns there as supreme a being in his sphere, capacity, and calling, as God does in heaven.” (Brigham Young, October 9, 1859, Journal of Discourses 7:289)

So when Joseph Smith teaches “that correct ideas of the character of God are necessary in order to the exercise of faith in him unto life and salvation”, what does that mean? And do we believe it?

### Doctrine and Covenants 1:16-17

16 They seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness, but every man walketh in his own way, and after the image of his own god, whose image is in the likeness of the world, and whose substance is that of an idol, which waxeth old and shall perish in Babylon, even Babylon the great, which shall fall.

17 Wherefore, I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments;

So when people do not have a correct idea of who God is they will not be able to exercise faith unto life and salvation and many will then fashion gods unto themselves made in the image of the world and they will follow after them.

“I am not at all astonished at what has happened to you, neither what has happened to Zion, and I could tell you all the whys and wherefores of all these calamities. But alas, it is in vain to warn and give precepts, for all men are naturally disposed to walk in their own paths as they are pointed out by their own fingers, and are not willing to consider and walk in the path which is pointed out by another, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, although he should be an unerring director, and the Lord his God sent him... [they] are blind, and they lead the blind, and they fall into the ditch together. They build with hay, wood, and stubble, on the old revelations, without the true priesthood or spirit of revelation. If I had time, I would dig into hell, hades, sheol, and tell what exists there...”

- Joseph Smith (Teaching of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 26-27, 311)

**Questions 2-3: What object had the God of heaven in revealing his attributes to men? Could men exercise faith in God without an acquaintance with his attributes, so as to be enabled to lay hold of eternal life?**

**Lecture:** 2 Let us here observe, that the real design which the God of heaven had in view in making the human family acquainted with his attributes, was, that they through the ideas of the existence of his attributes, might be enabled to exercise faith in him, and through the exercise of faith in him, might obtain eternal life. For without the idea of the existence of the attributes which belong to God, the minds of men could not have power to exercise faith on him so as to lay hold upon eternal life. The God of heaven understanding most perfectly the constitution of human nature, and the weakness of man, knew what was necessary to be revealed, and what ideas must be planted in their minds in order that they might be enabled to exercise faith in him unto eternal life.

3 Having said so much we shall proceed to examine the attributes of God, as set forth in his revelations to the human family, and to show how necessary correct ideas of his attributes are, to enable men to exercise faith in him. For without these ideas being planted in the minds of men, it would be out of the power of any person or persons to exercise faith in God so as to obtain eternal life. So that the divine communications made to man in the first instance, were designed to establish in their minds the ideas necessary to enable them to exercise faith in God, and through this means to be partakers of his glory.

**Joseph’s Answer:** That through an acquaintance with his attributes they might be enabled to exercise faith in him so as to obtain eternal life. (4:2) They could not. (4:2,3)

**Micah’s Thoughts:** I could basically just re-read what I said above. The thing that is the most stunning for me, maybe befuddling is a better word, is here is Joseph Smith laying out in his life

revelation upon revelation, step upon step, the requirements that man must take in order to be exalted- very clearly laid out, you must do blank in order to have life and salvation and exaltation. Those that obtain exaltation are referred to as members of the Church of the Firstborn. The Church of the Firstborn are those who have had their calling and election made sure. The Doctrines of the Gospel Student Manual Chapter 19 teaches us,

“Those members of the Church who devote themselves wholly to righteousness, living by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God, make their calling and election sure. That is, they receive the more sure word of prophecy, which means that the Lord seals their exaltation upon them while they are yet in this life”

-Bruce R. McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, 109

Making our calling and election sure is an important quest of mortal life.

1. The elect of God are those who hear His voice and obey Him (see D&C 29:7).
2. To make our calling and election sure requires diligence and effort in developing godlike attributes (see 2 Peter 1:10–12; Mosiah 5:15; 2 Timothy 4:7–8).
3. While many are called of God to receive His blessings, comparatively few become worthy of them (see Luke 13:23–24; Matthew 22:11–14; D&C 121:34–40).
4. We are free to choose for ourselves (see 2 Nephi 2:27; 10:23; Helaman 14:30).”

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/doctrines-of-the-gospel-student-manual/19-eternal-life?lang=eng&para=p34#p34>

The Redemption of Zion and building of New Jerusalem will be done on the backs of The Church of the Firstborn, and The Church of the Firstborn are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that make their calling and election sure. To make your calling and election sure, one must live by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God. By the voice of His servants or His own, it is the same. Listening to and heeding the voice of the Savior is the act of "letting God prevail" in our lives. Ultimately individuals are responsible to make their own decisions and are free to choose for themselves what they will do. What is bewildering to me is how many members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have convinced themselves that lowering the standards, living by *mostly* or *a lot* of the words that proceed forth from the words of God etc. is enough for exaltation. If members lowered the standards and pick and choose the revelations to follow but were totally ok with ending up in the terrestrial kingdom, that would make complete sense to me. What makes no sense to me is believing the Church is true, believing that Joseph Smith is a prophet, believing the Book of Mormon is true, paying your tithing, doing your callings etc. and then *mostly* obeying the rest, treating the rest of the gospel like a smorgasbord, selecting and choosing between which counsel to follow and which counsel to ignore, or worse, override the counsel with their own spirit-o-meter. Joseph Smith is saying that if you don't even have the knowledge of God's attributes and characteristics, you won't be exalted, let alone actions that are required to follow such knowledge. Teach men correct principles and let them govern themselves + “corn-dodger for a wedge, and a pumpkin

for a beetle. Even the Saints are slow to understand.” oh boy we as a Church love to quote those! But we fail to quote the entire statements, and the reason why we omit the entire statements is tied directly to what perplexes me.

“The question is frequently asked, "Can we not be saved without going through with all those ordinances? I would answer, No, not the fulness of salvation. Jesus said, There are many mansions in my Father's house, and I will go and prepare a place for you. House here named should have been translated kingdom; and any person who is exalted to the highest mansion has to abide a celestial law, *and the whole law too*... I have tried for a number of years to get the minds of the Saints prepared to receive the things of God; but we frequently see some of them, after suffering all they have for the work of God, will fly to pieces like glass as soon as anything comes that is contrary to their traditions: they cannot stand the fire at all. How many will be able to abide a celestial law, and go through and receive their exaltation, I am unable to say, as many are called, but few are chosen. (TPJS, p.331)

Maybe that was a little bit of overkill for one question, but this really bothers me. This constant “all is well in Zion”, “we’ve received and we need no more” attitude combined with an attitude of arrogance and entitlement to exaltation. We don’t have to get there all at once, that’s not the same thing as teaching “I don’t even have to make an attempt in this life”. The Lord will make up the rest in grace after all we can do- those who expect grace while doing nothing, while making no effort, (and remember, as President Nelson said, the Lord loves effort), will not find manna raining down from heaven, they will be the ones saying “Lord, Lord have we not?...” they will be the ones saying “this is not the work of the Lord for his promises aren’t fulfilled!” But woe unto such for their reward lurketh from beneath and not from above.

#### **Questions 4-5: What account is given of the attributes of God in his revelations? Where are the revelations to be found which give this relation of the attributes of God?**

**Lecture:** 4 We have, in the revelations which he has given to the human family, the following account of his attributes.

5 First, Knowledge. Acts 15:18: Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Isaiah 46:9-10: Remember the former things of old; for I am God and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient time the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

6 Secondly, Faith, or power. Hebrews 11:3: Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God. Genesis 1:1: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Isaiah 14:24,27: The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand. For the Lord of hosts has purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

7 Thirdly, Justice. Psalms 89:14: Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne. Isaiah 45:21: Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take council together: who has declared this from the ancient time? Have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior. Zephaniah 3:5: The just Lord is in the midst thereof. Zechariah 9:9: Rejoice greatly, O

daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King comes unto thee: he is just, and having salvation.

8 Fourthly, Judgment. Psalms 89:14: Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne. Deuteronomy 32:4: He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth, and without iniquity: just and right is he. Psalms 9:7: But the Lord shall endure forever: he has prepared his throne for judgment. Psalms 9:16: The Lord is known by the judgment which he executes.

9 Fifthly, Mercy. Psalms 89:15: Mercy and truth shall go before his face. Exodus 34:6: And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious. Nehemiah 9:17: But thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful.

10 And Sixthly, Truth. Psalms 89:14: Mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Exodus 34:6: Long suffering and abundant in goodness and truth. Deuteronomy 32:4: He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment. A God of truth and without iniquity: just and right is he. Psalms 31:5: Into thy hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

**Joseph's Answer:** First, Knowledge, secondly, Faith, or power, thirdly, Justice, fourthly, Judgment, fifthly, Mercy, and sixthly truth. (4:4-10) In the Old and New Testaments, and they are quoted in the fourth lecture, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth paragraphs.\*

**Micah's Thoughts:** Joseph didn't really feel like there was much to expound here, he simply told the students to memorize it. KFJJMT

I came up with **Kingdom (of God) First, Jesus and Joseph, Meet (me) There**

The rest of those scriptures would then become "gold scriptures" (Sharpening the Sword)

**Questions 6-7: Is the idea of the existence of those attributes, in the Deity, necessary in order to enable any rational being to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation? How do you prove it?**

**Lecture:** 11 By a little reflection it will be seen, that the idea of the existence of these attributes in the Deity, is necessary to enable any rational being to exercise faith in him. For without the idea of the existence of these attributes in the Deity, men could not exercise faith in him for life and salvation; seeing that without the knowledge of all things, God would not be able to save any portion of his creatures; for it is by reason of the knowledge which he has of all things, from the beginning to the end, that enables him to give that understanding to his creatures, by which they are made partakers of eternal life; and if it were not for the idea existing in the minds of men, that God had all knowledge, it would be impossible for them to exercise faith in him.

12 And it is not less necessary that men should have the idea of the existence of the attribute power in the Deity. For, unless God had power over all things, and was able, by his power, to control all things, and thereby deliver his creatures who put their trust in him, from the power of all beings that might seek their destruction, whether in heaven, on earth, or in hell, men could not be saved; but with the idea of the existence of this attribute, planted in the mind, men feel as

though they had nothing to fear, who put their trust in God, believing that he has power to save all who come to him, to the very uttermost.

13 It is also necessary, in order to the exercise of faith in God, unto life and salvation, that men should have the idea of the existence of the attribute justice, in him. For without the idea of the existence of the attribute Justice, in the Deity, men could not have confidence sufficiently to place themselves under his guidance and direction; for they would be filled with fear and doubt, lest the Judge of all the earth would not do right; and thus fear, or doubt, existing in the mind, would preclude the possibility of the exercise of faith in him for life and salvation. But, when the idea of the existence of the attribute justice, in the Deity, is fairly planted in the mind, it leaves no room for doubt to get into the heart, and the mind is enabled to cast itself upon the Almighty without fear and without doubt, and with most unshaken confidence, believing that the Judge of all the earth will do right.

14 It is also of equal importance that men should have the idea of the existence of the attribute judgment, in God, in order that they may exercise faith in him for life and salvation; for without the idea of the existence of this attribute in the Deity, it would be impossible for men to exercise faith in him for life and salvation, seeing that it is through the exercise of this attribute that the faithful in Christ Jesus are delivered out of the hands of those who seek their destruction; for if God were not to come out in swift judgment against the workers of iniquity and the powers of darkness, his saints could not be saved; for it is by judgment that the Lord delivers his saints out of the hands of all their enemies, and those who reject the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. But no sooner is the idea of the existence of this attribute, planted in the minds of men, than it gives power to the minds for the exercise of faith and confidence in God, and they are enabled, by faith, to lay hold on the promises which are set before them, and wade through all the tribulations and afflictions to which they are subjected by reason of the persecution from those who know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: believing, that in due time the Lord will come out in swift judgment against their enemies, and they shall be cut off from before him, and that in his own due time he will bear them off conquerors and more than conquerors in all things.

15 And again, it is equally important that men should have the idea of the existence of the attribute mercy, in the Deity, in order to exercise faith in him for life and salvation. For, without the idea of the existence of this attribute in the Deity, the spirits of the saints would faint in the midst of the tribulations, afflictions and persecutions which they have to endure for righteousness' sake; but when the idea of the existence of this attribute is once established in the mind it gives life and energy to the spirits of the saints: believing that the mercy of God will be poured out upon them in the midst of their afflictions, and that he will compassionate them in their sufferings; and that the mercy of God will lay hold of them and secure them in the arms of his love, so that they will receive a full reward for all their sufferings.

16 And lastly, but not less important to the exercise of faith in God, is the idea of the existence of the attribute truth, in him. For, without the idea of the existence of this attribute the mind of man could have nothing upon which it could rest with certainty: all would be confusion and doubt; but with the idea of the existence of this attribute in the Deity, in the mind, all the teachings, instructions, promises and blessings become realities, and the mind is enabled to lay hold of

them with certainty and confidence: believing that these things, and all that the Lord has said, shall be fulfilled in their time; and that all the cursings, denunciations and judgments, pronounced upon the heads of the unrighteous will also be executed in the due time of the Lord: and by reason of the truth and veracity of him, the mind beholds its deliverance and salvation as being certain.

**Joseph's Answer:** It is. By the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth paragraphs in this lecture.\*

**Micah's Thoughts:** Once again, there is a ton of information here and Joseph simply says to memorize it. There are a lot of points in here just like in previous Lectures on Faith that teach us the correct attributes and characteristics of God that we have to believe in to exercise faith unto life and salvation. If we took the time to learn these things there would not be the disputations that we have.

President Joseph Fielding Smith taught, "If the members of the Church would search their scriptures more intensely in the spirit of humility and prayer, disputations would cease among us. It seems to be a difficult thing to eliminate from the minds of some of our brethren cherished notions that are contrary to the revealed word. Many questions have been answered time and time again by those who have the knowledge and are prepared to give the answers, yet the error continues to exist. . . . Why is it that some members of the Church grasp at every sensational rumor with apparent eagerness and delight? If the same eagerness were applied to the revelations already given and we would heed them soberly and in humility of spirit, all would be well. The Lord has promised the Church "commandments not a few, and revelation in their time," yet we have some clamoring for more revelation when we have failed to keep those already given."

— Joseph Fielding Smith, (Answers to Gospel Questions: The Classic Collection in One Volume)

"We want our sons and our daughters to know God's truth and not the vagaries of the world and we want you to study those books from whence you will obtain a knowledge of the word of the Lord to us.

Some of our good people read many of the books that are published today, popular fiction so-called but they haven't time to read the Word of the Lord. Many of these books are beautiful, but often many ideas are expressed which are only pretty words, well-connected sentences or sentiments that are like flowers blooming on the stem without root. Real truth you can gain from books that have been adopted as standard works of the Church. I see too many of our people who are very much better read in the things that are written by some of the popular authors of books than they are in the things of God. They don't know one thing about the real essence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they don't know or comprehend one thing about the rites of the Priesthood and the principles of government that God has revealed to the children of men to maintain the kingdom of God in the earth. They know more about novels than they do about the Bible, the Book of Mormon, and the Doctrine and Covenants—yes, far more.

It is surprising to hear the multitude of questions that are continuously sent to the Presidency of the Church, and to others of my brethren who are in leading positions, for information upon some of the most simple things that pertain to the Gospel. Hundreds of questions, communications, and letters are sent to us from time to time asking information and instruction on matters that are so plainly written in the revelations of God—contained in the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, the Pearl of Great Price, and the Bible—it seems that any one who can read should understand.

We have in the gospel the truth. If that is the case, and I bear my testimony that so it is, then it is worth our every effort to understand the truth, each for himself, and to impart it in spirit and practice to our children. ... This should be done every day, and in the home, by precept, teaching and example. ... Spend ten minutes in reading a chapter from the words of the Lord in the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, before you retire, or before you go to your daily toil. Feed your spiritual selves at home, as well as in public places.”

(Chapter 5 The Inspiration and Divinity of the Scriptures, Joseph F. Smith, Teachings of the Presidents)

**Questions 8-9: Does the idea of the existence of these attributes in the Deity, as far as his attributes are concerned, enable a rational being to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation? How do you prove it?**

**Lecture:** 17 Let the mind once reflect sincerely and candidly upon the ideas of the existence of the before mentioned attributes in the Deity, and it will be seen, that as far as his attributes are concerned, there is a sure foundation laid for the exercise of faith in him for life and salvation. For in as much as God possesses the attribute knowledge he can make all things known to his saints necessary for their salvation; and as he possesses the attribute power he is able thereby to deliver them from the power of all enemies; and seeing also, that justice is an attribute of the Deity, he will deal with them upon the principles of righteousness and equity, and a just reward will be granted unto them for all their afflictions and sufferings for the truth's sake. And as judgment is an attribute of the Deity also, his saints can have the most unshaken confidence, that they will, in due time, obtain a perfect deliverance out of the hands of all their enemies, and a complete victory over all those who have sought their hurt and destruction. And as mercy is also an attribute of the Deity, his saints can have confidence that it will be exercised toward them; and through the exercise of that attribute toward them, comfort and consolation will be administered unto them abundantly, amid all their afflictions and tribulations. And lastly, realizing that truth is an attribute of the Deity, the mind is led to rejoice amid all its trials and temptations, in hope of that glory which is to be brought at the revelation of Jesus Christ, and in view of that crown which is to be placed upon the heads of the saints in the day when the Lord shall distribute rewards unto them, and in prospect of that eternal weight of glory which the Lord has promised to bestow upon them when he shall bring them into the midst of his throne to dwell in his presence eternally.

18 In view, then, of the existence of these attributes, the faith of the saints can become exceedingly strong: abounding in righteousness unto the praise and glory of God, and can exert

its mighty influence in searching after wisdom and understanding, until it has obtained a knowledge of all things that pertain to life and salvation.

**Joseph's Answer:** It is. By the seventeenth and eighteenth paragraphs.\*

**Micah's Thoughts:** Something hit me while reading this- Joseph promises that the Saints if they understand this knowledge and live right can become exceedingly strong and will obtain all these blessings as they abound in good works. Meaning what? If the Saints don't understand these things and live according to them?

### **D&C 101:47-50**

47 And while they were yet laying the foundation thereof, they began to say among themselves: And what need hath my lord of this tower?

48 And consulted for a long time, saying among themselves: What need hath my lord of this tower, seeing this is a time of peace?

49 Might not this money be given to the exchangers? For there is no need of these things.

50 And while they were at variance one with another they became very slothful, and they hearkened not unto the commandments of their lord.

The Lectures on Faith were removed from the Doctrine and Covenants in 1921, and what happened between the years of 1917-1967? The Times of the Gentiles was fulfilled.

To have faith as the Brother of Jared, once again, and abound in good works, etc. one must have this knowledge of God, His character and His attributes. A huge part of His attributes and characteristics were centered around His unchangingness, His truth, etc. Learning of the faith as the Brother of Jared and what is coming in the sealed portion, the redemption and building of New Jerusalem is it not plain to see how those who have lost this precious knowledge have become unfruitful, yea, have become untimely figs. We must internalize this knowledge and have faith as the Brother of Jared to see the miracles, to see the redemption, yea in fine, we much possess and internalize this knowledge before we can produce fruit meet for the Father's Kingdom.

**Questions 10-11: Have the Latter Day Saints as much authority given them, through the revelation of the attributes of God, to exercise faith in him as the Former Day Saints had? How do you prove it?**

**Lecture:** 19 Such, then, is the foundation, which is laid, through the revelation of the attributes of God, for the exercise of faith in him for life and salvation; and seeing that these are attributes of the Deity, they are unchangeable—being the same yesterday to day and forever—which gives to the minds of the Latter Day Saints the same power and authority to exercise faith in God, which the Former Day Saints had: so that all the saints, in this respect have been, are and will be alike, until the end of time; for God never changes, therefore his attributes and character remain forever the same. And as it is through the revelation of these that a foundation is laid for the exercise of faith in God unto life and salvation, the foundation, therefore, for the exercise of

faith, was, is and ever will be the same. So that all men have had, and will have an equal privilege.

**Joseph's Answer:** They have. By the nineteenth paragraph of this lecture.\*

*\* Let the student turn and commit those paragraphs to memory.*

Micah's Thoughts: I have mentioned a couple times now having faith as the Brother of Jared, I think it is only fitting that I end the fireside with a quote from Brother Hyrum Andrus that I used in my paper Faith As the Brother of Jared,

*"In chapter 28 of Isaiah, as he talks about the drunkards of Ephraim, and this isn't drunkards in the sense that they get it from a bottle, it's the kind of drunkenness when it says "they are drunk, but not with strong drink. "They are drunk with the ideals and the zeal and the culture of the Gentile society, and they act on that principle and march by that drum beat. Then speaking of the judgments to come upon Ephraim in that day, in verse 5, he says this: "In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty unto the residue of his people. "Isaiah 51 is a whole chapter devoted to that righteous remnant. Note how he begins: "Hearken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness." This, then, is that righteous remnant. "Look unto the rock from whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from whence ye are digged." "Go back to your roots. See where you came from. Find out who you were. Find out what the Lord wants you to do. "Look to the rock from whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit from whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham," there's an example." Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you; for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him." Now, this remnant is going to be left alone, they are going to sit in the dust. Many are going to say, "The Lord has forsaken us." What is your consolation? You go back to your roots and you look to Abraham, and you say, "I'm a descendant of Abraham, and the Lord is going to handle me like he did him..."*

Brothers and Sisters, we need to wake up and learn what is required for life and salvation, learn what is required to redeem Zion and build New Jerusalem. A central part of that is to have faith as the Brother of Jared and to have faith as the Brother of Jared is to know that God won't treat you any differently than He did previous Saints. We both have the same things at our fingertips and the requirement for us to have faith in its most plain and literal interpretation is still there. Brothers and Sisters, learn and internalize the attributes and characteristics of God, get rid of the debris in your life and begin in exercise faith sufficient for life and salvation, faith as the Brother of Jared. The Kingdom First, Jesus and Joseph, Meet me There! In the name of Jesus Christ Amen.