

Chapter 35 – OBEDIENCE – "By keeping all the commandments of God, we prepare for eternal life and exaltation."

GOD WILL PREPARE A WAY - "Nephi Said: "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." (1 Nephi 3:7).

NO COMMANDMENT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT TO OBEY – "Yet, like Nephi, we can be sure that God will give us no commandment unless he prepares a way for us to obey him."

Chapter 39 – THE LAW OF CHASTITY "President Kimball warns us: "Even though forgiveness is so abundantly promised, there is no promise nor indication of forgiveness to any soul who does not totally repent... We can hardly be too forceful in reminding people that they cannot sin and be forgiven and then sin again and again and expect forgiveness' (The Miracle of Forgiveness, pp. 353, 360). Those who receive forgiveness and then repeat the sin are held accountable for their former sins (see D&C 82:7; Ether 2:15).

Chapter 46 – THE LAST JUDGMENT **ASSIGNMENT TO GLORIES**

"At the final judgment we will be assigned to the kingdom we have earned... The following are the kinds of lives that we can choose to live and the kingdoms that our choices will earn for us... CELESTIAL... TERRESTRIAL... TELESTIAL... OUTER DARKNESS..."

WE SHOULD PREPARE NOW FOR JUDGMENT – In reality, every day is a day of judgment. Our words, our thoughts, our actions are performed according to a celestial, terrestrial, or a telestial law. Our daily actions determine which kingdom we will inherit."

Chapter 47 - REQUIREMENTS FOR EXALTATION

"Latter-day Saints are taught that now is the time to fulfill the requirements for exaltation (see Alma 34:32-34) [*include Alma 34:35*]... There are specific ordinances we must have received to be exalted... There are also many laws we **have to obey** to qualify for exaltation... In other words, each person must endure in faithfulness, keeping all the Lord's commandments until the end of his life on earth."

GOSPEL PRINCIPLES

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REFERENCE GUIDE

Chapter 3 – JESUS CHRIST OUR CHOSEN LEADER AND SAVIOR

A SAVIOR AND LEADER WAS NEEDED

"We needed a Savior to pay for our sins and to teach us how to return to our Heavenly Father. Our Father said, "Whom shall I send?" ...Two of our brothers offered to help. Our oldest brother, Jesus Christ, who was then called Jehovah, said, "Here am I send me" ...Satan, who was called Lucifer, also came saying: "Behold here am I, send me, I will be thy son."

JESUS CHRIST BECAME OUR CHOSEN LEADER AND SAVIOR

– "After hearing both sons speak, our Heavenly Father said, 'I will send the first'. Jesus Christ was chosen and ordained to be our savior."

[Questions: Was Satan equal with Jesus in the beginning? What if Lucifer had come up with the better plan, would he then have become our Savior? Has Jesus Christ been God eternally?]

Chapter 6 – THE FALL OF ADAM & EVE

ADAM AND EVE WERE THE FIRST TO COME TO EARTH - "Their part in the Father's plan was to bring mortality [*death*] into the world..."

GREAT BLESSINGS RESULTED FROM THE

TRANSGRESSION - "Some people believe that Adam and Eve committed a serious sin when they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. However, latter-day scriptures help us understand that their fall was a necessary step in the plan of life and a great blessing to all mankind."

[Questions: Is it ever right to disobey God? Does God ever curse people for making the right choice? In Genesis chapters 2 & 3, where would it indicate that they made a good choice?]

Chapter 38 – ETERNAL MARRIAGE – "In the beginning marriage was given as a law of the gospel."

ETERNAL MARRIAGE IS ESSENTIAL FOR

EXALTATION – "To Latter-day Saints, marriage is much more. Our exaltation depends on marriage... Our Heavenly Father has given us the law of eternal marriage so that we can become like him. We must live the law of eternal marriage to become as he is – able to have spirit children."

ETERNAL MARRIAGE MUST BE PERFORMED BY

PROPER AUTHORITY IN THE TEMPLE – "The proper place is in one of the holy temples of our Lord. The temple is the only place this holy ordinance can be performed."

WE MUST PREPARE FOR AN ETERNAL

MARRIAGE – "President Kimball teaches that "marriage is perhaps the most vital of all the decisions and has the most far-reaching effects... of all the decisions, this one must not be wrong... He has said that if we are true and faithful we shall pass by the angels to our exaltation. We will become gods."

[Questions: Is eternal marriage a law of Jesus Christ's gospel? Does our eternal life/exaltation depend upon it? Is this gospel ordinance one of the most vital decisions in life? Did Jesus or His Apostles or any Prophet in the Bible (or the Book of Mormon) ever teach temple marriage or marriage for time and all eternity?]

Chapter 47 – EXALTATION

WHAT IS EXALTATION – "Exaltation is eternal life, the kind of life that God lives... We can become Gods like our Heavenly Father. This is exaltation."

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXALTATION – There are specific ordinances we must have received to be exalted... There are also many laws we have to obey to qualify for exaltation. We must... This is the way our Heavenly Father became a God. Joseph Smith taught, "It is the first principle of the Gospel to know for a certainty the character of God... he was once a man like us..." (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, pp. 345-46)

THE IMPOSSIBLE GOSPEL IN GOSPEL PRINCIPLES

Chapter 19 – REPENTANCE – "All men, everywhere, must repent, or they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God, for no unclean thing can dwell there, or dwell in his presence."
(Moses 6:57)

WE MUST FORSAKE OUR SINS – "By this ye may know if a man repenteth of his sins—behold, he will confess them and forsake them." **(D&C 58:43)**

WE MUST KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD – "To make our repentance complete we must always keep the commandments of the Lord (see **D&C 1:32** [*see also vs. 31-33*])"

THIS EARTH LIFE IS THE TIME – "The prophets have declared that "this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God" (**Alma 34:32**)."

Chapter 21 – THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST
"The Spirit of the Lord doth not dwell in unholy temples." (**Helaman 4:24**)