

Podcast "Remnant" (typed transcription by Robert Briscoe)

Mike: Okay, were ready to go.

Last week's lesson that we had on neutralized, I was surprised how many comments we had on that. Probably as many comments on that as we've had on any discussion at all. One of the comments came from back East on fore-ordination and neutralization. How we can have our foreordained mission neutralized through the various strategies, snares, and traps of the adversary... And the use of our own agency where we do become satisfied with less... which I think is probably the biggest form of neutralization in the priesthood power and in gospel growth there is. We just become satisfied. We become complacent. And that gives new meaning to the temple part where Adam is asleep and the Lord says "awake and arise" and that's what we need to do and never be satisfied with less.

I spoke at a funeral this last week for a lady who died, who was a good friend. We recorded the funeral sermon and I'm going to go ahead and put it up on the pod-o-matic, the podcast. This was a woman who was never satisfied with mediocrity, as far as the gospel goes. She was always searching. It got her in trouble quite a few times. I've known her for 25 years. But because of her searching nature and never being satisfied, with the status quo, so to speak, the gospel status quo... It got her in trouble and many people accused her of being faithless because of her inquisitive nature. She grew up in an environment of scientific thought. Her husband was a scientist. And he left the church because he could not justify gospel knowledge with scientific doctrine. He couldn't do it. And that affected this lady quite a bit, and she struggled with that her whole life... on the place of science and faith in this world. But the thing I appreciate about her was that she was always seeking for more... always seeking for more. That's what we need to do.

The big problem from the day of the restoration on to this day is that we have a universe of information and knowledge available to us that we're failing to take access and take advantage of it. There is a whole universe of knowledge out there... there is something in us, in this fallen world, that wherever we're at with our knowledge we think that we have enough. The book of Mormon seems to talk about that... it goes over into the nature of Scriptures the book of Mormon talk about people, when they get the Bible, which is a certain book of knowledge, a volume of knowledge, that to add anything to that is a major challenge for God's children in the celestial world. We just become so locked in and resistant to change that it damns us. And it takes the whisperings of the spirit and sometimes to be shaken up out of our complacency, our spiritual doldrums, in order for us to come to a knowledge. That, boy, what I've got is a thumbnail and there's so much more available there... and then once we find out what's available out there we're hesitant to move into that because a lot of times; what's available goes against existing traditions, existing paradigms.

I was telling a man this week; that I was talking to; that God hides his greatest secrets in contradictions and paradoxes... and that for you to access these secrets; i.e. the mysteries of Godliness, is going to cause you some uncomfot. You're going to have to be uncomfotable. Because these things come to you many times in direct opposition to what you hold to be absolute truth. We talked about this... this knowledge of godly things of which truth and half-truth and is a real tricky thing in this world. Joseph Smith struggled with these kind of things. I'm going to refer you to few little quotes by the prophet Joseph Smith here. He said this, *"it is my meditation all the day and more than my meat and drink to know how I shall make the Saints of God to comprehend the visions that role like an overflowing, surge before my mind. Oh, how I would delight to bring before you the things which you never thought of, but poverty and the cares of the world prevent. But, I'm glad I have the privilege of communicating to you some things, which if grasped closely, will be a help to you, when the clouds are gathering and the storms are ready to burst upon you like pearls and heels of thunder. Lay hold of these things and let not your knees tremble nor your hearts faint."*

Did you catch that... that the information that Joseph wanted to give the Saints was of such a nature the majority of them, their knees would tremble, their hearts would faint and they'd barely be able to grasp and embrace... them if at all. And the majority would not. He also said this, *"I desire the learning and wisdom of heaven alone. I have not the least idea, but if Christ would come and preach such rough things as he preached to the Jews, that this generation would reject him for being so rough."*

That's an interesting statement. One more, *"The greatest thing for us to know is to comprehend what God did institute before the foundation of this world. Who knows it. Had I inspiration, revelations and lungs to communicate but my soul has communicated in times past, there's not a soul in this congregation would go to their minds and shut their mouths in everlasting silence on religion until they learn something. Why be so certain that you comprehend the things of God, when all the things with you are so uncertain. You are welcomed to all the knowledge that sound salutes my ears, we are come to Mount Zion, what could profit us to come unto the spirits of just men, but to learn and come to a knowledge of the spirits of the just."*

He tried to teach us in everything he did... how to come up and obtain what he obtained, and by and large, the Saints rejected it as a whole. So what are we going to do to be different from that... we have to be open and willing to be uncomfortable in order to embrace greater truth because it will make you uncomfortable. Some of the things that Joseph taught were such a nature that he would look at general authorities sit on the stand and point to them and say, *"if I were to reveal to you what God has shown me, you would try to take my life."* And he would point to these people... interesting enough, some of those people he pointed to actually did conspire to take the profits life... were some the main people... that were the cause his death at Carthage, stake presidents and general authorities.

Interesting stuff. All he was trying to do was to bring to them what God had revealed to him. So that's an interesting thing, and I don't know that we have progressed much beyond that in 2016. As we've mentioned in the past, we were a lot like the children of Israel were in the days of Moses. Moses wanted to bring them all up to have a personal encounter with God... and the majority of the people... the vast majority of the people... and this was a selected, called out group from the world, because they had already been called out of Egypt and because of the hardness of their hearts in the traditions that they had embraced during the time that they were in Egypt, they could not take the leap. So as a result they lost the opportunity for Melchizedek priesthood, the fullness of the priesthood, and the opportunity and the doctrine of translation. Moses wanted to bring his people up to have an experience that Enoch and his people had had; and that Melchizedek and his people had had. But they couldn't make the leap. Joseph Smith wanted to do the same thing and we failed in their attempt.

Now we're living in the day... we were going to have an opportunity one more time, to have that chance to embrace these things. A small portion of the latter-day Saints, a small group from within the congregation of the latter-day Saints, will embrace that.

Student: Where did you... How did you know that?

Mike: The brethren have talk about it in a lot of general conference addresses. Now let's go over to the Old Testament for just a minute, the book of Joel,

Student: JOEL ?

Mike: JOEL...in your Old Testament, you can find that on page 1136... on page 1136. Joel chapter 2 and I want to go to verse 28. This is a famous Scripture that has been quoted in many, many general conferences by many, many general authorities talking about our day... in the latter days ... where the Lord will pour out his spirit upon all flesh. But as we sometimes do, we emphasize one Scripture and

we don't look at the Scriptures that preceded it or the followed it to get deeper understanding. See verse 28 is a scripture we all know; are you there yet; it says, *"And it shall come to pass afterward"*, that's an Old Testament Way of saying 'in the last days'. Whenever you read in the old testament the prophet says and it shall come to pass at 'that day' or in 'those days' and sometimes it comes out and says in the 'latter-day', but here Joel says, *"it shall come to pass afterward"* that is an indicator that we here in the room, the latter days. *"that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters, shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:"*

And that was quoted as recently as Brother Packer in the last few conferences ago... where he said that Scripture was being fulfilled. We live in the day of that fulfillment. In fact every prophet that quotes that Scripture now says that "that is our day" and *"that sons and daughters and young man and old men are receiving the gifts of revelations dreams and visions in our day like never before"*. Verse 29 *"And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days"*; there is another indicator, *"will pour out my spirit"*. The next verse is a giveaway... so that we know what time he's talking about because Verse 30: *"And I will shew wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, and fire and pillars of smoke."* [Verse] 31: *"The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come."*

It's pretty clear now that we're talking about events just prior to the second coming. I believe that the fulfillment of [verse] 30 is already upon us... and is going to escalate where it says. *"wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke."*

I think that's happening and it's going to be escalating to where it's going to be startling. It will be stunning. Now, verse 32 is the verse we never quote, and verse 32 is the one I want talk to you about just a minute. *"It shall come to pass"*, now keep in mind and tie that in with the previous verses, so were talking about the day just before the coming of Christ, that great and terrible day of the Lord, *"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered;"* That's a great promise especially in a day of destruction and turmoil and cataclysmic catastrophe after catastrophe. It's nice to know there is deliverance. Now watch semicolon; *"for in mount Zion"*, Now mount Zion in the Old Testament has reference to America and the new Jerusalem, *"for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem"*, that has reference to the old Jerusalem over in the state of Israel, *"shall be deliverance,"*... so you're going to see deliverance come from two world capitals, that will have their beginning of their establishment in the days just prior to the second coming, and then those two world capitals will continue to function in perfection on into the millennial, terrestrial, third estate world.

Now, watch *"in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said,"* comma, and her we go, *"and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call."* This is the only place where that remnant is mentioned in connection with the new Jerusalem and mount Zion in America, on the American continent, and Jerusalem in Israel. That remnant is being organized and moved upon by the spirit now. That remnant is coming from the congregations of the latter-day Saints.

Student: Hey, Mike.

Mike: Yes

Student: I've got a question, is that okay?

Mike: Go ahead speak up read aloud.

Student: Okay, so looking at this list here, deliverance will be found among Zion, in Jerusalem, and then it also appears that this remnant will also be able to offer deliverance as a refuge.

Mike: Exactly. So you've got deliverance found in three places/groups of individuals. Mount Zion is

centered on the children of Joseph; Ephraim and Manasseh; the deliverance in Jerusalem is centered in the Jews; and the remnant, the early brethren talked about the remnant from among the latter-day Saints, and the remnant is a preparatory group that begins to establish the cause of Zion before the actual real estate and the city of new Jerusalem has its foundations laid. I believe that remnant is being called and marshaled, and organized right now. That remnant, some of the interest that remnant have is for example in such doctrines as: having your calling and election made sure, the more sort of prophecy, the second comforter, the ministration of Angels, the ministry of just men made perfect, and the spirits of the just, that Joseph was talking about in that last quote. They're interest in these things because the spirit rest upon them and their gathering all the knowledge they can about these lofty doctrines that will place them in a position to where without man-made weapons they will be able to withstand the onslaught of evil that is coming our way, that will engulf and consume the majority of the population of the telestial world. These are men and women who have power over the elements; these are men and women who can call down fire from heaven; these are men and women who can cause themselves and those they love to be transported without limitations of time and space.

Student: So you say women. How will we do that, we don't have the priesthood?

Mike: I didn't say priesthood was required here.

Student: I just assumed that if we had such power it would be in the priesthood.

Mike: Priesthood is designed for men... to help them do things that women already, by nature, have a part of them... All of the higher blessings of the gospel that we mentioned... all those terms we just referred to are available to individual women. Priesthood is not required. Men need priesthood to help them to learn the obedience necessary to sacrifice and to do what women already do by nature. A woman... you see the key to all of this is sacrifice... go to section 97 in the doctrine and covenants... that we show you something... you heard me draw distinction in the past between the natures of men and women... it is a big deal... the temple also helps us understand this... in the initiatory blessings that are administered to women... the blessings are different than the words of the covenants of blessings available to men... section 97 verse eight.. *“Verily I say unto you, all among them who know their hearts are honest, and are broken, and their spirits contrite,”*.. this part right here... *“and are willing to observe their covenants by sacrifice—yea, every sacrifice which I, the Lord, shall command—they are accepted of me.”*

Now, you're not going to observe to keep your covenants by sacrifice less you have prior ingredients of that scriptural list in place. For example: you need to be honest, your hearts broken, and your spirits contrite. You need to be in that state of grace. Don't you find it interesting that when the Lord appeared to the Nephites.... lets go over to third Nephi chapter 9.... before he appeared, he talks to them. And in 3 Nephi chapter 9, he says this, verse 19, we're ending a dispensation, several dispensations of blood sacrifice, animal sacrifices, and he... this is first Nephi chapter 9 first 19 he says... *“ye shall offer up unto be no more the shedding of blood;”*, see that was for 4,000 years, that was the sacrifice that was acceptable to God from his covenant people. All those people were killing those animals. Brothers and sisters, they were all baptized by immersion for the remission of sins. They all been baptized... Adam the first man was baptized... all of them had hands laid upon their heads and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. They had obtained a priesthood order which came down at least down to Moses genealogically through the lineage of their fathers. Its called the patriarchal order.

We talked before here, it wasn't the same order, now, look what he says here, he says *“ye shall offer up no more the shedding of blood; yea, your sacrifices and your burnt offerings shall be done away, for I shall accept none of your sacrifices and your burnt offerings.”* Up until this point it was acceptable, now, here we go, here's a shift in the paradigm. Look at your date at the bottom of the page 34AD.

Christ has already resurrected from the dead. He is about to appear to these people. *“Ye shall offer a sacrifice unto me a broken heart and a contrite spirit. And whoso cometh unto me with a broken heart and contrite spirit, him will I baptize with fire and the Holy Ghost, even as the Lamanites,”* etc. etc.

That's the new sacrifice. So this group of people were talking about, the remnant, are a group of people who've come up and obtained a personal encounter with God, they had experienced all these things we had a talk about in all of our lessons. They do have power with God to act as though they were God and he honors that. They can speak a word and the elements obey, they call down fire and consume their enemies, and there's a group of people, and this is my opinion, this is the remnant there, is a group of people that are being prepared right now... and it's a quiet thing... and is not something that's getting any publicity... and that group of people are designed to pave the way in all the events that are coming up. They're going to be able to help rescue people, protect people, it is that group of people, that President Nelson talked about last week... when he said this, remember that, *“I urgently plead with each one of us to live up unto our privileges as bearers of the priesthood. In a coming day, only those men who have taken their priesthood seriously, by diligently seeking to be taught by the Lord Himself, will be able to”*, here we go, *“bless, guide, protect, strengthen, and heal others. Only a man who has paid the price for priesthood power will be able to bring miracle to those he loves and keeps his marriage and family safe, now and throughout eternity”*

That is the group were talking about. That is the remnant. Of course this was addressed to men in a priesthood meeting, but I tell you that women, by nature, already have that. Their whole lives for woman is a life of sacrifice. A man's is not. Man inherently cares for himself, looks out for himself, and is very self-centered. Women aren't. Everything a woman does, she sacrifices for everybody else, she loses her own identity when she marries a man and takes upon his name and loses hers. And then from that point on there is never a moment but what she doesn't sacrifice for her husband and children. Even her monthly physical cycle represents the shedding of blood, which is sacrificial and symbolic sacrificial, of her very nature. Because anciently all covenants were made by the shedding of blood. In the shedding of blood is always symbolic of sacrifice. So it's a fascinating thing. That is where this group is coming up to. We have to be able to access the powers of heaven. We have to be able to, in time of crisis, raise our arms to the square and be so favored of God, because of what we have attained and by obedience and diligence, that he will honor that, and whatever you speak (1) will be given to you by the spirit and (2) because of that will take place. It will take place. [28:46]

Student: A question.

Mike: Okay!

Student: The group that is following Denver Snuffer, they think that group.

Mike: Well there may be some that are

Student: How could they? How could they since they are apostatizing?

Mike: I don't know. I don't know what the Lord is going to do there. I know some of those people. I know that they're good people. I know that they are honorable people and their hearts are in the right place. Whether or not they have been deceived, and whether their doctrine is false, that is something between them and the Lord. But, I know some of those people personally and they are fine, fine, good people... and they have strong faith.

You know it's an interesting comment, that one of the man's asked the question, one of our listeners, asked the question this last week about those noble and great ones that God said he would make his rulers over Abraham's tree. And my feeling was, his feeling was, the noble and great ones are those who are in church leadership positions in the church. He was asking about that. And my feeling is that

church leadership positions have nothing to do with that group of people. It's true that church leaders can be a part of that, but in order for you to be considered noble and great, you have to hold some church leadership position, that reeks of respecter persons; and God tells us that I am no respecter of persons. But he that keeps the commandments is favorite of God. So what I'm saying is ...is that we may be surprised at what God is doing. We have a tendency to think we understand everything God is doing and we have a pretty good handle on how he works and I think we're in for some real surprises in the day that's coming.

In Spenser's book 'Visions of Glory', which I read several times, and I hold personally is a true record given to this man for his benefit. But in that he saw women who were translated and her husbands who weren't. In this group, of Joel calls the remnant, were people who obtain power over the elements, over time and space, that were the favorites of heaven, that could call on the blessings of heaven and the powers of heaven. That in some cases, they were women before there were man. And, even in one case, a translated woman, who was in charge of a group of people who were making their way back to the Jackson County area, via, Canada. That in one case a woman used her power to annihilate a group of mobsters that were bent on killing everybody in the company. She simply just use the power of heaven as a translated being. To do that. So what we're trying to do? Is come to that position of excellence. Let me read to you a statement out of the six lecture of faith... that kind of talks about what's necessary for us to become a part of this group. I want to be a part of this group. I, unabashedly, tell you I want to be a part of this group. And it says this, under lecture six... and it says this.... and it's an interesting enough it's called the law of sacrifice.... he says, *"we next precede to treat of the knowledge a person must have, that the course of life which they pursue is in accordance with the will of God; in order that they may be enabled to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation"*, now skip a couple paragraphs, it talks about the necessity of knowing, and not merely believing that you are in good standing with God.

This whole section here is designed to come to a knowledge and absolute knowledge using the word sure and using the word assurance in fact in three, in verse three, it says, *"having the assurance that they are pursuing a course that is agreeable with the word of God; knowing not merely believing that when this earthly house of their tabernacle is dissolved,"* meaning your body. *"they have a building of a God, a house made of hands of God; eternal in the heavens."* I want to read this one paragraph to you, now listen to this, all built around the idea that how we come to this level of power is through sacrifice says, *"such was and always will be the situation of the Saints of God, unless they have an actual knowledge that the course they are pursuing his according with the will of God. If you don't have that knowledge you will grow weary in your mind and faint."*

Now the circumstances of the world is such, so pressing, so stressful, that unless you have this peace about you that only comes with you having obtained a personal promise from God himself, by his own mouth, you just won't be able to withstand the pressures of everything as the world implodes. You won't be able to do it. Then goes on to say, *"for such has been and always will be the opposition in the hearts of unbelievers and those that know not God, against the pure and unadulterated religion of heaven, they only think which ensures eternal life:"*

What we want to do is... we want to obtain that religion. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the platform to come up and help us obtain that religions... that religion has its core membership with the Church of the Firstborn... all of these people... who are the remnant that Joel's talking about... have membership in the Church of the Firstborn. We've talked about that little bit.

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Student: Where is that Mike?

Mike: It's on the laws sacrifice lecture six, in the lectures of faith, lecture six

Student: Page?

Mike: I don't have a page; is just broken down in verses, this is verse four section 4. It goes on to say *“that they will persecute all to the uttermost, all who worship God according to his revelations and receive the truth and love of it, and submit themselves to be guided by his will, and drive them into such extremities.”* Here we go... *“That nothing short of actual knowledge of their being the favorites of heaven and their having embraced that order of things”* think... about everything we talked about the last 20 weeks... *“which God has established for the establishment for the redemption of man.”* Unless you get to that point, Joseph said, *“nothing but that, will enable them to exercise that confidence in God necessary for them to overcome the world, and obtained that crown of glory which is laid up for them that fear God.”*

And then this famous quote, *“let us here observe,”* this is section 7, *“that a religion that does not require the sacrifice of all things, never has power sufficient to produce the faith necessary unto life and salvation.”* That's where we need to go... in those things... are describing the remnant that God will use to deliver people in the latter days... ultimately that remnant will include or be part of, the group of men and women, that the Scriptures referred to as the 144,000.

Go over section 77 and let me show you other criteria necessary in order to be a part of the remnant, which Joel talks about. Section 77, remember we talked about that foundations moving up to this include ordinations in earthly institutions and under the hands of mortals. We talked about that right. That has to proceed. So all of this is preceded by membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ... which is absolutely necessary. Nobody in our day will obtain any of this, short of membership in this church. I mean, it is the prerequisite for it... is the platform.

However, if you stay on that platform and go no further, the highest you can come to is the level of the upper telestial/lower terrestrial being. It definitely won't take you any higher than that. But in section 77, let's take a look at this and let's go over to verse... or question 11, section 77. Question 11. This is the question and answer section of the doctrine and covenants, where the people asked the Prophet questions and he gave answers. Here is the question; *“What are we to understand by the ceiling of the 144,000 when it says they were sealed and therefore heads?”* Remember reading that in John the Revelator. They were sealed... that is code speak... that is God's code speak... for obtaining the fullness the Melchizedek priesthood and having your calling and election sure, sealed up unto eternal life. That's what that means, having the mark of God in their foreheads... that's codeword.... gospel codeword.... for being sealed up unto eternal life. This the answer to question 11. *“We are to understand that those who are sealed are high priests”*, and that's not a high priest in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, lest first of all say that, that high priest in a higher patriarchal order that you receive from God himself. But they are high priest ordained unto the Holy Order of God, that is not the institutional Melchizedek priesthood that we saw functioning in church today. That priesthood is preparatory, the institutional Melchizedek priesthood that we saw of church today is preparatory and necessary for this order... in our day. Anciently, it wasn't because there wasn't even an institution. There was no platform institution like The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the first thousands of years of man's history. That goes on, it says *“they are high priest ordained unto the holy order of God, to administer the everlasting gospel; for they are they who ordained out of every nation kindred tongue and people.”* This part right here *“by the Angels”*. Notice that is not an ordination by mortal hands. That is not an ordination come down through priesthood quorum or record kept of it in the church records or ministered under the authority of the president of the church. This is something whole new. This is the remnant, they are *“ordained by the Angels, who is given power over the nations of the earth...”* and here's what the remnant is going to do... *“to bring as many as will come*

to the Church of the Firstborn”.

See, last week we drew a little parallel. When we come into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in our day, there is a process: we meet with the missionaries, and the missionaries teach us, and they instruct us, and we learn certain things. We take those things we are taught and we take them to God, in prayer and study, with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, and we asked the father in the name of Christ, if these are true and receive a witness. And receive a covenant through baptism. And become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. See that's the process.

You're involved right now, All of us. These things which were talking about. When he first went to the temple you began a new process of investigation. You are now investigating a higher church; and there's a process involved. Whereas, the elders and sisters were messengers of the lower church, Angels, the spirits of just men made perfect, and heavenly message are the missionaries, so to speak, of the Church of the Firstborn. And so your involved in a process now, seeking entrance into and membership in the Church of the Firstborn. When you get that you become a part of the remnant that Joel's talking about.

I want to mention, that remnant is going to be active before the new Jerusalem is established in America and before the dedicated temples built in the old Jerusalem for the Messiah to come to that the Old Testament talks about. So that the remnant is a preliminary group that's preparing the way for everything that will take place in the millennial area. It is... a... what do we want to call it.... would you call that when a small group goes out before.... that kind of prepares the way.... there not very big.... there's not many unit number wise.

Student: Is this part of the 144,000 we are talking about or is it something different?

Mike: I think that these people are going to be a part of that group, but they will proceed. You going to see that these are members of the church, these are mortal men and women, who come up and obtain excellency, that the gospel offers before the actual administration of the 144,000. The 144,000's ministry takes place, as the world has sunk into anarchy and total chaos... one of the main ministries of the 144,000 is rescuing the covenant members of God's kingdom who are now isolated and trapped in various nations with no way to escape outside of heavenly means. These are the people that the 144,000 bring to mount Zion and new Jerusalem they come with singing songs of praise and there's a reason why they sing songs of praise. Because their situation was so utterly hopeless without angelic administration and intervention of the 144,000; there is no way they could escape their trap condition in their native nations without the intervention of the special translated men and women. The remnant precedes and prepares for that. I testify to you that that remnant is being prepared now.

Student: So they are translated beings... that's going to help them... is that what you're saying Mike?

Mike: If they are not, they will be. Translation... translation is a gift that accompanies all of these upper-level blessings.... knowledge and covenants; but it comes the due time of the Lord as he needs them. I really, really, really desire with all my heart's righteous desire to be a part of this remnant. And I think that anybody... I think that most people that are studying in these things... if you have an interest in these things... is not by chance. That you find yourself interested in these things... the fact that you have an interest in them is an indicator that you have received and hearkened unto a call. If you find yourself dwelling on topics such as: Zion, and obtaining the promise of eternal life, higher orders of priesthood, obtaining promises of God... if all of these resonate with you; it's because that is your future. My feeling, my friends, that these things would not resonate with you unless you are foreordained was to obtain them while still in the flesh. The reason that it resonates with you... the

reason you become intrigued... and in my case almost obsessed... with some things is because, I believe, that was a fore-ordination before you came here and that you now hearkened unto the call and it is unfolding to you and the obtaining of these things and becoming that person is on the horizon. Otherwise, you would not have those feelings.

Student: Mike

Mike: what, I'm trying to say is the feelings are indications of the fulfillment of what's coming

Student: Mike

Mike: Yes

Student: Spencer said, *“the greater our righteousness and the more one our alignment is with heaven; the more latitude we have using our gifts; the point being is that <???avail ???> us obedience, perfect trust and spiritual purity. Once <??? accomplished everything we receive from God ???> and to be beautiful and enrich our lives.”*

Mike: Great quote.

Student: So, then, it's important then to understand the discernment of spirits so that we can overcome. That's the whole reason... of the fall, is the full assets of receiving these other testings and all these testing, so we can overcome the evil influence of our lives. And that's what I'm seeing anyway. Is that what you see?

Mike: That's so will put, I couldn't say it any better than that. Well put, the whole idea is to obtain knowledge and power in this life so that in the next life, for going to the spirit world or if we find yourselves in eternity bypassing the spirit world; you'll have power over evil that exists there because you exercise and had experience overcome evil here.

Student: Oh, I love that, that's beautiful!

Mike: Now remember that God is...because He has more knowledge than we do. Remember Joseph Smith said that, *“a man gains exaltation no faster than he gains knowledge”*... it is knowledge that exalts... its knowledge that gives you dominion over evil spirits and over the dark side.

Student: Right

Mike: Remember the quote by Joseph Smith that, *“if you do not obtain more knowledge in this life you'll be brought into captivity by some evil spirit in the next world. And why? Because that evil spirit will have more knowledge and has more power than you.”* That's a sobering quote.

So everywhere... the world we came from... the world we're in... the worlds we're coming to... there has to be opposite evil to good and that evil seeks to always captivate and destroy you; always! So what were learning in these experiences in this life, in the school room called the telestial world, among other things, were trying to obtain knowledge that gives us power and dominion over evil enemies that now and in the future will still strive to enslave us. God and the Elohim sit in the places they do because they have knowledge that places them beyond the power of evil that exists throughout all eternity. It's also the thing that makes them happy. That's why they are so happy.

Student: Are you saying that when we reach eternal life we still have opposition?

Mike: Oh, There is always opposition in eternity. Always. There is never anywhere in eternity... anywhere where there isn't opposition.

Student: I figured that we would be all done.

Mike: You are done. Just because opposition exist... that has power over you... it just exist. It has to be there. You have to ask yourself the question, “How do the Devils... how did the devil that we talk about in this world, that is introduced into the garden of Eden, How did he become a devil? Because one time that person was a prince of light. So how did this person, who is a prince of light, fall and become a devil?”

Student: I've wondered that.

Mike: Well the answer is... there older Devils and there's resurrected evil that exist. We know that for example: we know that Cain will resurrect and became a Satan, and he has a resurrected body and he will rule and reign in eternity. But those that never had bodies, we're taught by the brothers, that were never born, that never were resurrected, go backwards until their spiritual identity is dissolved into native intelligence.

Student: That's what I thought because you mentioned that once. So if they dissolve...

Mike: But you have two groups, Rosemary, those who have never been born, hence never die, hence never resurrect; and then you have sons of perdition, who are born, die and resurrect. Those are sons of perdition. Cain is a son of perdition.

Student: Will they be dissolved eventually.

Mike: The Pearl of great Price teaches that Cain will rule over the Lucifer because he had a resurrected body. There has to be... what did Lehi say in Nephi 2: 11... there has to be opposite in all things.

Student: And throughout all eternity.

Mike: That is correct!

Student: We have to just endure here.

Mike: Which are going to do? You come to a point where you enter into a state where you enter into the rest...

Student: Yes

Mike: of the Lord. Evil has no power. Think about the temple endowment. There is a point where Satan is cast out of their midst. Right, there's a process and that's where he has no more power over you. That does not mean he stops testing you. That doesn't necessarily... that he stops trying... that just means his efforts are futile as far as it comes to you. You think that Satan stops trying to capture prophets and apostles who have risen to a certain spiritual excellence just because their prophets And apostles?

But the point is, because they come to that certain point in their progress, they don't stop. But they're not effective or they are not effective at all. They just don't have the effectiveness any more because you have gained knowledge and experience that gives you supremacy over evil.

Student: He has more power because their righteous.

Mike: That's because you've changed; not that he doesn't try. That he ceases to exist is just that he can't get you because you have been made pure. Go to Alma 13, let us show you something.

Student: So how do we relate this to heavenly father and heavenly mother?

Mike: In what way the Satan still try? The Satan still try this evil still try.

Student: yeah

Mike: I don't know.

Student: yes

Mike: But I know if they do, it doesn't work because they have achieved this state where they are in a state of happiness. But they confront it... they confront it. Looking your temple... look in the temple...

"what are you doing here?" Now, those are gods speaking, *"What are you doing here?"*

"oh, I'm doing here was done on other worlds"

"what is that?"

See that confrontation. See they come up against. It is still there. If you look into the first chapters of Job and Lucifer comes before God and God says, *"What have you been doing here?"*

"Been going to and fro in here and up and down in it". And 2 Peter chapter 5 says, *"he's like a roaring lion going up and down in the earth seeking who he desires"* and God said, *"have you considered my servant Job?"* You see this interaction of the gods. They the gods bump up against this. And it always exist. There always coming into what they're bumping into evil in... it just exists. If you're a God and you have children in a state of probation on a telestial world and there is evil opposition on that world and those children of yours look to you for redemption and salvation do you think you're not going to

bump up against evil as your plan for their redemption unfolds even though your resurrected. You're always going to have something to do with evil because it provides the necessary opposition for growth for your children in order for your children to become Gods?

Student: Why do we say Christ will have a victory?

Mike: The victory comes not that evil ceases to exist but is banished into outer darkness. The victory comes in that you have obtained knowledge and power over evil so that it does not affect you. You control it... you can either allow it or you can banish it from your presence. You have that power that's what were learning to do in this estate and in the various estates of progression... is how to come to a point of supremacy where you can control that.... even Christ when he said that... the last enemy overcame was first of all he put the devil and all the evil works of the devil under his feet; and the last enemy he overcame was death, and that's just not physical death but that spiritual death. You talk about God encountering evil... go to section 88 of the D&C verse 6, says Christ "*descended below all things that he might ascend above all things and become the light of truth.*" To descend below all things as a God means that you go even below the deepest darkest abyss of perdition. He went down below all of that.

Student: <?????>

Mike: So the point is... this your changed through the gospel of Jesus Christ. you're made pure, been made spotless, you're sanctified and through that process evil has no effect on you. Are you going to come up against it. Absolutely, because it exist. It has to exist for there to be progression in the eternities. There has to be evil. There has to be opposition.

Student: <?????>

Mike: The evil you'll come up against in the future, as you obtain the status of God's, will originate within your family unit. How's that for come up against it?

Student: You got family doing it?

Mike: Sure! Lucifer is a child of our father in heaven. That's evil originated within his family unit. Now the pattern is the same. You're going to have in your spirit families when you become a mother and a father in heaven. You're going to have a certain number of your children, who's going to rebel against light and truth. That's the pattern and those people will rebel and be cast out of your presence and provide opposition for the rest of your family members as they move into the schoolroom, called the telestial world; and they begin their lessons in mortality. The people that opposes us, brothers and sisters, are not strangers they are our brothers.

Student: I don't know if I like this.

Mike: The point is that each one of us is trying to come to a point where we rise above this... gain the supremacy over it... and priesthood is given to man to help them do that. One of the reasons for priesthood is that men need the priesthood to help them learn how to sacrifice. It is not in our nature to want to sacrifice. It is in a woman's nature, but it is not in a man's. Priesthood is there to help us learn how to sacrifice.

Student: I think something like that will help us to look at our lives is to go how did we ever withstand the adversary how much should we understand and now look at our lifestyle and see how much we understand and how much we have I have overcome and so maybe that is what we need to look at similar progression is she was going to happen in years to come as we overcome and received more power as were obedient and trust our God is these things.

Mike: You and I have had some private talks over the last year; so I can still remember walking through

the park in New Jersey, among young singles, also, and you and I were talking about some things and you are learning. You are very excited about what was new. I remember sitting under big oak tree and just marveling at how you are grasping these things. Want you to think back now, over the last year, think about the knowledge that you've gained, that gives you power, that you didn't have just a year and half ago. Just think about that.

Student: That brings so much gratitude to my heart.

Mike: And then now, multiply that every year now that were in this place. So that when you're in the spirit world those spirits; there is reason why those people are in paradise; and there's a reason why people spirits are in that other holding place... the reason the people are in paradise is because they have obtained knowledge and experience that gives them power over evil spirits that exist in that world. The evil spirits can't touch them. That's a paradise and the reason it's a paradise is that they are above and free and have supremacy and ascendancy over the evil that existed in that world. If you haven't gained that knowledge and experience in this world, you find yourself subject to those evil spirits when you go there; in which case those in paradise will come over and try to teach you the gospel and change your heart and get you to repent. But if you can do that here; you'll find yourself in paradise and those spirits that are over there, who are evil, who want you to be miserable, have no power over you. They have congregations over there they meet in meetings and the devils try to deceive them... and you go over there and those evil spirits try to bar up the way. If there's a man or woman, in the name of Jesus Christ, you can command them to disperse and they will. You don't have that power there. Then you'll find yourself among them.

Student: Isn't the true, Mike, also that if you are in paradise there are many people the spirit's got a be different from here because you have people doing the same thing you're trying to do. <???

Mike: Well that's the pattern. See which are doing now is looking at patterns and patterns help you see in this life and understand what took place in the world before. You came here and was going to happen in the world... after an patterns and fold mysteries... it's a wonderful way to do that....

Well its past time, its been an hour and 10 minutes.

I don't even know what were going to call this lesson.

I have no idea where to call this lesson.

I hope it was interesting and helpful to you.