

Podcast 023 Terrestrial World Index (by Bonnie Jensen)

- Telesstial world is Hell place = a place of restriction (veil)
- Also has devils & unclean spirits that interact with mortals /provide opposition for our progress
- **D&C 130:18-19** advantage in world to come
- At end of ea. estate is judgment- want to pass = advantage in next estate
- Spirit World is part of this Telesstial level- has telesstial, terrestrial & celestial beings
- Next estate (third) is Terrestrial/millennial estate.
- It is probationary with no veil – God is there
- Premortal life was probationary with no veil –God was there
- This world is probationary with veil – can't see God
- How we live here determines if we enter 3rd estate advantaged or disadvantaged
- Disadvantaged = didn't make it- spirit stays in spirit world (hell place)
- 3rd estate has different levels of advantage we earn, just like this 2nd estate.
- How faithful you are here determines how advantaged you are there
- Celestial resurrection = morning of 1st resur.
- Terrestrial resurrection = afternoon of 1st according to JF Smith
- Great fire (Glory of God) will come with the 2nd coming
- The fire will burn up everything that is Telesstial on the earth-people, gardens, buildings, etc.
- Ushers in New Heaven (earth starts moving) & New Earth (we build New Jerusalem, new gardens)
- We can live a terrestrial life while in this telesstial world- become a Zion People
- Hard – every Patriarch from Adam on tried to establish Zion – all failed but Enoch
- Individuals have become members of the “Church of The First Born” but hard for society Zion
- Can't jump into Zion, have to move up step by step
- Millennium will be the Zion scriptures talk about
- Greatest impediment to Zion is “Traditions of their Fathers”
- **D&C 76:71** tells progression from one state to next
- **Vs. 72 “died without law”** who's that? = Heathen Nations
- Heathen Nations = pagans
- Pagans worship idols not “The Living God”
- Adam had certain sons who built cities
- Interesting- further away from land to city dwellers not as inclined to be spiritual
- ancient & modern Cities are where iniquity and wickedness thrive
- those close to the earth are less likely to be deceived
- **3rd Nephi chapter 8, 9 & 10**, lists cities destroyed before Christ came
- Definition Heathen = ‘idol worshiper’ also ‘gentile’
- Heathen nations” **live & die without Law**”, inherit terrestrial world and it **“will be tolerable for them”**
- Also contained in **vs 73-74** are people who rejected gospel here but accept gospel in spirit world.
- Had to have “reasonable opportunity” in this life but reject, then accept in spirit world inherit Terrestrial world
- Terrestrial order requires Honor, but not covenants & ordinances
- Ordinances and covenants are designed only for the Celestial world, not Terrestrial nor Telesstial
- Temple Ordinances designed to take us to Celestial but can't leap there, need experiences in terrestrial
- Main sin of telesstial order is sexual sin
- So to move up, minimum requirement is to be morally clean.
- Everyone can repent and receive **forgiveness** of sin
- But to obtain **remission** of sins requires covenants
- Story of pastor friend -loves Christ, repents, gets forgiven
- So millions will be in 3rd/millennial estate, who are not members,
- millions of members will not be there –sin against greater light
- in future a physical planet will be prepared for terrestrial Kingdom
- populations, worlds, earths, planets may all be different things
- telesstial, terrestrial, and celestial kingdoms will be on separate planets in different places in the galaxies
- our earth will become the Celestial Kingdom and be moved
- **D&C76:111-112** = progression in the kingdoms
- Quotes of Hyrum Smith, Franklin D Richards & B H Roberts about progression between kingdoms
- Progression can be made from kingdom to kingdom, but you don't “catch up” as everyone progresses.
- People from higher glory go down to minister to those in lower glories to help them progress.
- Quote from 1st pres. **“Brethren not take official stand on this”** doctrinally
- Take it to the Lord, but don't share answer until prophet makes statement
- **Matt 25:21-23 – “Well done”** said in telesstial world- **“Make you rulers”** said in Terrestrial world
- It's talking about sequential moving from telesstial mortal to terrestrial translated.
- We have to practice in principalities/apprentice before become Kings and Queens
- Terrestrial/millennial world is probationary – we know because Satan will be released at end and we could fail the test and fall
- Besides missionary work and work for the dead another purpose for millennium could be to beget life.
- Next week talk about that & what is the sin that could cause your downfall from that estate.