

025 – Opposition In All Things

- [D&C 121:39](#) *is the nature of men, as soon as they get a little authority they will begin to exercise unrighteous dominion*
- [Words of J.S.](#) It is natural for spirits with more power to bare down on those of lesser power.
- We picture pre-mortal life as peace and joy – with no difficulty except for Lucifer’s rebellion.
- [J.S.](#) said that life there was not all that different from life here. He said there were “...difficulties which were so severe that only knowledge and the obtaining of physical bodies could enable us to overcome them.”
- This unrighteous dominion was the cause of the 1/3 part being cast down to provide opposition
- [Words of J.S. pg.60](#) “All beings who have bodies have power over those who have not.”
- There were tabernacled beings who dwelt in the premortal state who exercised unrighteous dominion over us who were spirits.
- Evil spirits can only subject us if we permit them by improper use of our agency
- [Words of J.S. p62](#) “Before the foundation of the earth, in the Grand Counsel, the spirits of all men (us) were subject to oppression and the express purpose of God giving it (us) a tabernacle was to arm it (us) against the powers of darkness.”
- [D&C 76:25-27](#) How did Lucifer, a Son of the Morning, fall. He was in a very high position that only comes through righteousness
- What was the source of evil that caused Lucifer to make choices to rebel and fight against God? According to J.S. this evil exists eternally.
- When we inherit Eternal Life, evil is still there, it just doesn’t have any power over you anymore.
- [Quote](#): “We will allow Lucifer, our common enemy, to tempt and try man that they may learn by their own experience to choose the good over the evil.”
- This evil is used by H.F. and H.M. to help their children progress and become like they are.
- [Rest of the Lord](#): Become a person obtaining promises and have been changed through the Atonement so that no matter what’s happening around you, you have a promise of eternal life, you have a hope in Christ, and the world and all of its downward tugs and pulls, temptations, addictions, and compulsions, have no claim on you anymore. Evil is still there but we choose not to take part in it.
- [Pattern](#): In this life Good and Evil coexist. My home is filled with the Spirit of God but down the street is a Satanic stronghold. There is no physical separation, but we do not intermingle because of the people we are.
- You can’t have agency without opposition.
- [D&C 76:28](#) Satan maketh war with the Saints of God
- [D&C 76: 25-27](#) are talking about Lucifer and [D&C 76: 28-31](#) are talking about Satan – two different persons.
- Mike believes Satan is an older, embodied resurrected being and that he is the person that enticed Lucifer and caused his fall.
- Those with a body have more power than those without a body.
- [Example](#): Lucifer enticed Cain to murder and told him that he would rule over Lucifer in eternity because Cain has a body and Lucifer does not.
- [2 Nephi 2:15-17](#) There must be opposition in all things or man could not ACT for himself. An angel of God fell from heaven and became a devil, not the devil.
- [Quote](#): “What are you doing here?” “I am doing that which has been done on other worlds.”
- [J.S.](#) “No man can be saved without knowledge...if he does not get knowledge then he will be brought into captivity by some spirit in the next world.”
- One of the purposes of having a body is to give us an equal edge over evil that has a body.
- This is all part of God’s plan for us as His children to learn from our own experience to distinguish good from evil and then we will carry that plan on to our spirit children.
- Eve asked the devil, “Is there no other way?” He replied, “There is no other way.”
- [Job 42](#): After Satan afflicted Job sorely, Job had a second comforter experience and saw God.
- [D&C 38:31-32](#) Everything in the temple is to give us supremacy over the devil.
- There is opposition in all things – it is an eternal law that the evil gets equal time with the good.