

## 26 Celestial World Part 1 Phase 2

- Joseph Smith: D&C 76 is 1/100th of what he saw.
- We aren't ready for the other part
- **D&C 76:53** *overcome by faith – sealed by Holy Spirit of Promise Father gives to just and true*
- "sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise" is not understood -- the same term is in D&C 132
- **D&C 132:7** *Condition of the New and Everlasting Covenant is that all covenants etc. need entered by him anointed and then sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise for time and eternity to be in force after life otherwise no efficacy*
- *One man on earth at a time has power and keys*
- Sealed by priesthood power.
- The key to this is "the Holy Spirit of promise".
- **D&C 132:7** 1<sup>st</sup> 2 words "all covenants"
- Includes ordinances covenants and laws
- Holy Spirit of Promise is the Holy Ghost
- Functions of Holy Ghost: 1) *He testifies all truth* 2) *He testifies of Father and Son* 3) *He is the sanctifier (make holy)* 4) *The Holy Ghost is purifier* 5) *places a seal on all covenants, ordinances, contracts, bonds, etc.*
- Phrase in sealing makes whole ordinance conditional
- All ordinances performed in temple we do now are conditional from initiatory to sealing
- According to your faithfulness = conditional
- Sealing Conditional "you'll be chosen, called up"
- Removed in 2<sup>nd</sup> Anointing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> anointing (receive fullness M. Priesthood and anointed King and Queen, Priest and Priestess) no force unless ratified by the Holy Spirit of promise.
- When angel, translated being, immortal gives 2<sup>nd</sup> anointing it is already sealed by Holy Ghost
- Following unrighteousness, and sin voids sealing
- Openly rebel after being sealed up (knowing God and then putting Christ to open shame) become Son of Perdition
- Very few people in mortality come where they can commit the sin against the Holy Ghost
- You would be willing to crucify Christ after having a personal encounter with Him to qualify for S of P
- Many Nephites were qualified to become Sons of Perdition. Many were "highly favored".
- Those who will obtain exaltation is few in relation to whole population, perhaps in millions
- Many in Early History of Church could qualify
- In N.T. Paul says "the Hebrew Church obtained the Church of the Firstborn"
- Church of Firstborn you have had heavens opened
- Section 107 describes Church of Firstborn
- **D&C 107:18** *Power & Authority of M. Priesthood holds Keys of all Spiritual Blessings of Church ---*
- **D&C 107:19** *1)Privilege of mysteries of kingdom of heaven 2)Heavens opened 3)Commune with General Assembly & Church of Firstborn (Church of Enoch – our heritage)*
- Messengers on earth look like us disguised as mortals – in reality, translated from Enoch
- **D&C 107:19** *4)enjoy communion and presence of God the Father and Jesus*
- Blessings in 107:19 make a celestial being this life before celestial resurrection inheritance
- **D&C 76:53-58** *All verses use the word "ARE" to show these blessings are for those present in this telestial world. Small "g" on "gods" in 58 also signifies that these promises are for this life.*
- **D&C 76:60-64** *All verses use the word "SHALL" to show these blessings are future*
- Pres. Howard W Hunter "**The Temple, the great symbol of our membership**".
- Whole purpose Church membership is to take families to temple for ordinances family eternal
- All ordinances are for the Celestial World – baptism unlocks gate – nothing is for terrestrial
- Allegory of temple has no mention of physical death
- Without temple you function in A. Priesthood Org
- Heavenly Messengers Aaronic Priesthood Function
- John the Baptist "**confer the Priesthood of Aaron . . . the ministering of angels...**"
- Can't detect true from false angels without Aaronic Priesthood sign and token. Given before mortality.
- Before Fall you receive 1) covenant of obedience 2) covenant of sacrifice 3) token and sign of A. Priest.
- When you pray certain way veil opens to dark and light you need token to detect false messengers
- **Helaman 8** "**we're surrounded by demons**"
- Joseph Smith - men who have priesthood here were ordained to that very priesthood before they came here.
- **Alma 13:1-9** men receive holy order M.P. before born
- **Alma 13:10-18** keys & priesthood ordained after born
- A. P. boys can have ministering angels whisper to them to guard, direct and protect them.
- They don't have angel visitations before the temple because they haven't learned to detect them
- Prophet Joseph *We must try spirits and prove them. Pray for interpretation of vision to verify source. **D&C 129:4** Messenger says has message from God – offer your hand and request to shake hands*
- **D&C 129:5** *If an angel – he will and you'll feel hand*
- Joseph Smith *Must be able to discern by seeing,*

*hearing and handling something.*

- You feel the hand a certain way a token exchanged
- *D&C 129:6 Spirit of just man in celestial glory*
- *D&C 129:7 Ask shake hands – won't move is contrary to heaven order – will still deliver message*
- *D&C 129:8 If devil appears as angel of light – he will try to shake hand – won't feel anything (the token)*
- They know the token but are barred from using it
- The devil appearing as angel of light will shrink back – this is because he's been detected
- Adam was given the token because he would be looking for messengers Father promised to send
- Using temple knowledge to part veil either good or evil can come through
- That is the point of detection tokens and signs
- Follow the temple dialog need to use the communication along with the token and signs
- Joseph Smith - worst things is receive message from false messenger, and think it's from God
- *D&C 110:13 Elijah appears Kirtland Temple (1836)*
- *D&C 2:1 Visit of Elijah is promised "by the hand" (given Sept 1823)*
- Indication Joseph knew something about "true order of prayer" in Sacred Grove, prayed with uplifted hands - key to open the veil.
- After resurrection of Savior in upper room to apostles he doesn't open door – just appears
- *Luke 24:36. Jesus stood in midst and said "Peace be unto you."*
- *Luke 24:37 They were terrified and supposed they had seen a spirit*
- *Luke 24:38 He asked why they were troubled*
- *Luke 24:39 He asks them to handle his hands and feet and teaches that a spirit isn't flesh & bones*
- Mike believe he's probably offering them a special handshake.
- The N.T. Church had obtained the Church of the Firstborn and knew these principles.
- Next 40 days were instructed in endowment, initiatory and prayer circle
- All apostles and wives joined Jesus in prayer circle. He kneels in the middle and offers prayer
- All temple ordinances are of the Church of the Firstborn pointing to the celestial world
- The Church of the Firstborn talks about City of Enoch eventually the society of Gods in the celestial world, the Elohim
- Ordinances only happen in temple when temples are here on earth. If no temples can be in deserts, mountain tops and in solitary places.
- Joseph Smith "*A man is saved no faster than he gets knowledge,*" *Joseph Smith said.*

- Once you get knowledge and it distills on you as truth, and the spirit testifies to you, then you are required to **act** on it.
- All of this knowledge is required, no matter who you are
- When you hear these things, and the spirit testifies to you, it is engraven in your spirit.
- The physical body may forget by it's there
- Men are responsible for the blood and sins of the generation they live
- Need to preach righteousness and testify boldly