

(Note – Scripture references and quotes are in **red type**. Scripture quotes are also *italicized*. Mike’s commentary are not italicized but are where they occur in the text of the scripture. Other things that are important and needed additional emphasis are in **orange type**.)

(Margie begins) I’m not Mike.

(Mike says) She thought she was going to get out of this tonight. We’re not going to let her do it, are we?

(Margie) Aaaaa. He’s going to need a new place to stay tonight. Anybody want to volunteer? (chuckling in the background)

(Mike) I just want you to see the real power behind the podcasts. All I do is teach doctrine. But to get it out, this is where it comes from. So, I just want her to take a minute. (applause) Yah. (applause)

I’d like her to take just a second. This is my sweetheart; the best thing that’s ever happened to me in my life, right here.

(Margie) It’s about to get nasty. (laughter) I feel like an appetizer. You know, you go to the restaurant and they say you need an appetizer to help you get hungry. Why do I need that? I came to the restaurant because I was hungry. These guys came to hear you (Mike), not me! So the appetizer is a little too salty, a little too greasy. We probably ought to just get to you.

(Mike) She had the Lord reveal to her what she is supposed to say tonight. We are not going to let her get away from that revelation. (laughter)

(Margie) That’s what I get for opening my mouth. Here was the deal. He says “you are going to talk, aren’t you.” I said, “absolutely not!” And so I said, “Heavenly Father, I’m not talking but if you want me to say anything, you’d better tell me, because I don’t have a clue.” And bink, bink, bink, bink, bink and I thought, oh shoot! And I won’t tell Mike a word. And he came out and said, “Well you’re pretty happy.” “Well, I just had a little revelation. I get excited when I get those because I don’t always get those. Well, I probably do, but I just don’t realize it. And so, um. O gosh, my mind just went blank. I guess I’d better sit.

I guess basically . . . I feel like I can’t move! (Mike was leaning up against her at the podium) (laughter) Here comes dinner! (Chuckle) Forget the appetizer, dinner is on its way. (chuckles)

I guess as I was thinking about that, because he kept insisting I was going to talk. (“I don’t think sooo.”) And probably the greatest thing that I can think of that has helped me

in my life is that of taking time to be holy. I think satan has done a very good job of keeping us distracted and keeping us too busy. The perfect acronym is “being under satan’s yoke” – busy. And we feel like we’re not good enough; that we’ve got so much to do, and yet, there’s just not enough time. We’re doing good things. I mean, we’re not going to lose our temple recommend over all these things we’re doing. They just aren’t the better or the best things that we could and should be doing. So, I found when I take time, not make time, but take it. I take time each morning to be holy. And I find as I do that, the rewards are great. I spend time each morning with my Father in Heaven and I ask for his help and guidance. I ask him where he wants me to read today in case I meet somebody who needs something. And when I am living right and doing my part, He answers those pleas. When I’ve maybe been a little ornery to Mike . . . that never happens, does it? If I were to be ornery to Mike, then I probably wouldn’t get those so readily. But I think that is my most sacred time of the day – is when I get up and spend time, one on one with my Father in Heaven.

I thought of the scripture that says be still and know that I am God. And I’ve learned from Mike another thing that when you break apart the scriptures, they come alive. I spent years reading the scriptures and I didn’t learn a whole lot, but I was obedient. I read, read, read, read, read every morning just like I should. I couldn’t tell you what I read, but I read. And I found there’s a better way and that’s studying. That is looking at each word individually, one by one. Cuz that’s the way the Savior teaches – one by one. So if I were to take just a minute or two . . .

I was asked to speak in Stake Conference once. The Stake President said, you’ve got 13 minutes. And I said “President, you and I know there isn’t a woman alive that can get a point across in 13 minutes or less. But I did it, so I will just take a couple of minutes of Mike’s time, because you really don’t want to hear me.

Anyway . . . Where was I? Were you listening? OK. I was taking time . . . Oh yes. One by one. That scripture. He’s got the photographic memory. I don’t. But that’s all right, I’m working on it.

The scripture “Be still and know that I am . . . If we take the “Be” part of that scripture - “Be is now, in the present. Satan wants us to go to the past and remember all of the bad things that we’ve done. He wants us in the future where we can’t really have a whole lot of control. But God is in the now. So we just need to “Be”. Be in the present.

The second word there is still. “Be *still*”. And I looked up the word still. I love to read the scriptures with a dictionary because I’ve found that I thought I knew what all these words meant, but I don’t. I know maybe one definition. One of the definitions in Hebrew for still is hush. Shhhhhh. Shhhhhh. I have a hard time with that sometimes, but I found out when I am *quiet*, I can hear the still small voice. I can hear Father talking to me.

So we be still and know . . . and who do we want to know? We want to know the Savior. We want to know Father. We want to know what our mission and calling is – for that day. I just take one day at a time.

So if we be still and we will know . . . that I am. And who is I am?

When Moses was called up to the mount, the Lord told him, “I’m going to send you to Pharaoh and I want you to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.” Moses says “me, who am I to go to Pharaoh?” Then He says, “I want you to do this.” And then Moses says, “They are going to say who are you and who sent you?” And the Lord says, “tell them that ‘I Am’ sent you.”

So when we be still and know that I am, we take that time to be holy, we will come to know Father; we will come to know who we are. We will come to know who our neighbor is and what our calling is. And we will come to know him in such an intimate way, that we will wonder what took us so long, to be still and know I Am.

I testify to you that God loves you. He is waiting for you. Just you! One by one. He always ministers one by one. I invite you to take time to be Holy every day. It’s not about quantity of time. It’s about quality of time.

Some of you are at a point where you have little children and time is not available so much by yourself. I had a friend that had to go by herself to go to the bathroom to read her scriptures and even then there were knocks on the doors and knocks on the doors. So it doesn’t matter. All that matters is that you take time.

It’s not important to take time to be Holy. It is **critical** to take time to be Holy. I testify that to you – that if you do that, take time to be holy every day for the Savior, He’ll come and you will know that He is God. And I say that in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Mikes part:**

Well Brothers and Sisters. Thank you for coming here tonight. This is remarkable. I’ve thought about this today and who’s going to be here and who you are. I think this is so unique that a group of “gatherers” have come together.

This is the time of gathering. The time of scattering is past. We are about to enter into a new dispensation. We are about to end one called “the day of the Gentile”. We are about to enter a new one called “The day of Israel”.

By and large the day of the Gentile is an Aaronic Priesthood, preparatory, foundational day – call it part a if you want – of the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times. There is Melchizedik Priesthood which is operative and people have received ordinations in the “Day of the Gentile”, but the Melchizedik Priesthood will really be manifest in the day that is about to dawn.

If you watch closely in your temple endowment ceremony, you can see that the robes represent priesthood authority. Where the robe is placed represents either Aaronic or Melchizedek. If you watch, the next time you go through the temple and see where you're at and what time represented by the various rooms that you proceed through, you will see that what I am saying is true. And that we are about to enter into a day of miracles that eclipse anything you have read about in all of the standard works of the church. We ain't seen nothin' yet.

Jeremiah says this **“The days will come when we will no longer talk about the children of Israel being brought through the Red Sea.”** You can read about this in the **16<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Jeremiah.**

All through our written books, our scriptures – the Book of Mormon, the Old Testament, the New Testament; Even the Doctrine and Covenants – The premier miracle that people have talked about for thousands of years and still talk about today is the parting of the Red Sea, isn't it. It's the one that the Lehi Colony referred to over and over again: That miraculous deliverance of the house of Israel from the Egyptian Armies.

Jeremiah says that you are in a day that we won't talk about that any more. The reason we won't talk about that is the miracle we will talk about is the return of the tribes of Israel out of the north. That miraculous return will eclipse (the parting of the Red Sea), and all of the minor, other miracles, sub-miracles that will be a part of that will be so dynamic that for generations from that time forward, that's what they'll talk about. And you and I, Brothers and Sisters, are living in that time when the preparations, right now, are being made for that to happen, right now.

That's going to require a group of men and women who have priesthood power that can perform miracles, that can command the elements and can have power over time and space. And 3 dimensional type senses of the telestial world will be a thing of the past. We will move into multi-dimensional space and many more senses that we don't use in the telestial world will be open to us.

You are the group that is being groomed for that (mission). Why do you think you're here? Why do you think the Lord has whispered? Have you felt drawn to the doctrine of Zion and her establishment? Have you felt that? Have you felt like this is a part of you? Have you felt or sensed that this is in your future? You have or you wouldn't be here!

The podcasts . . . Here is an interesting thing about the podcasts. You all know – you've heard the story. We didn't have any plans on this. Margie and I have served 3 missions together. We went to Mongolia, we went to the central Philippines, we went to New Jersey and because I was retired CES, my job was to teach institute classes in all of those places. Margie's job, especially in developing nations, was to put together a physical preparation program because in the Philippines and in Mongolia they have no idea about food storage or any of those physical preps. They knew nothing about it.

The mission President, when you get to be a senior couple in a lot of places . . . you'll sit down with the mission President, especially in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries, and he'll say "take a look around, see what needs to be done and do it! That's your call." True.

Because I was retired CES, I had that label – Institute, Oh we're going to do that. So for 3 missions I taught institute. As we left these mission fields, the brothers and sisters that were there – that were part of our classes. Small groups. They weren't big. They said, Elder Stroud, do you suppose it would be possible for us to continue to study together. I mean there are scientific ways and high tech ways that we could do that now, so we said sure.

So, even when we came home from Mongolia, I started meeting weekly, on Skype, with a Stake President there (he wasn't the Stake President at the time, but now he is just completing 8 years). We have met together weekly for 10 years on Skype and that good man and I have been through every verse of the standard works. Not skipping Leviticus. And especially spending time in Isaiah! You got it, right. Isaiah.

And who do you think benefited from that exercise? Me! Because you know what happens on that? It's the same on the podcasts. And you've had this experience. You can't be a teacher in this church for very long and not have the experience of when you're teaching having the Holy Ghost reveal to you, while you're opening your mouth and saying one thing, and the next thing that comes out you've never spoken or known before in your whole life. Let me see how many have had that experience. Raise your hands. Sure you have. If you have the gift of the Holy Ghost you are bound to have that experience.

So we did that. It began as a small, little email group of maybe 30 people. Then we came home and one of our friends said, "Why don't you do a podcast?" And I said "A what cast?" And my wife says, "What's that?" And they got together and pretty soon this little high tech gal here, put this together and has done such a good job.

Let me tell you about the podcasts. I think you'll be interested in knowing this. I don't tell you this in a way of bragging because you and I both know this isn't us, right? Father has taken this to a point where every week we get information from the podcast company that tells us who's listening, where and how many in number daily and then we get weekly stats. There are 180,000 podcasts on that company right there. These lessons are #2.

Nobody is more surprised than I am. Shelle says you have 21 pages per topic; you've got 12 of those talks in a book. I didn't know I had that much to say. Gee. Number 1 in Christianity and #2 overall.

Now you might be also interested to know that every 7 days there is about from 13 to 15,000 downloads and plays every 7 days on these podcasts. It surprises the heck out of me.

But here's what's really surprising. Half of all the podcasts are in Kenya, Africa. Kenya, Africa has more downloads than all of the United States put together. What the heck is going on. And then, it goes from there Kenya #1 and then the United States #2. #3 – Are you ready? The Democratic Republic of the Congo. #4 – the UK; #5 – Canada; #6 – Ghana. And then it goes . . . in the first 7 countries listed, 5 of them are the countries that go from Ghana on the west coast of Africa all the way over to Somalia on the East coast of Africa. I would just love to know what's going on there, wouldn't you? And I have no idea. But obviously what we have done there has struck a chord and people all over the world are appearing to be benefiting from them. I am so grateful and astonished, frankly. Astonished.

People said, "Aren't you worried about putting your email and your phone number out there in public?" Frankly, we didn't even think about that. Lets do it! Because, what are we worried about – 30 people. I know them all, right? (laughter) And so we've got our phone number out there. We've got our email out there.

Here's something else. You would think that we would really get hammered from time to time. Do you know how many times I've heard "do the Brethren know what you're doing here?" "Have you gotten any push back from the church?" "Does your stake President know what you're doing?" "How about your Bishop?" And to all of those questions I say, I have no idea. I don't. "Shouldn't you ask permission to say some of the things you say?" See how we think as Latter-day Saints.

Out of all of that for a year and a half, I have had one negative comment. One. It was a comment that was placed on the podcast site with one of the lessons and it said, "I don't think you're teaching correct doctrine. In fact I think this doctrine is false."

Now I respond to every email. So my response was, at this point in my life, "You may be right. We are all learning together." I never heard another thing.

But don't you find that remarkable that there have been no negative things that have come back on that? I just wonder about that. I am so grateful about that. At this point I will not argue and I will not find fault. So I thought you might find some interest in some of those things that are happening – things that you are a part of.

Where it's going to go from here . . . we've been impressed by the Spirit that the podcasts need to stay up. The Spirit seems to whisper to us, "I will continue to use those as a resource to gather people. But you, Mike, just remember I just use your wretched mouth as a tool." And that's where we need to be.

Let's go to some scriptures for a minute. Let's go to **2 Nephi**. I want to show you what kind of a state you need to be in to obtain the great blessings that the Lord has in store for you.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 4** – as Nephi is writing this, he is an old man. All of the experiences that you and I want, he’s had. He’s had them all. You can name them all. All the things we’ve talked about – the greater portion of the word.

Now lets go to **2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 4, v16** and Nephi said this “*Behold my soul delight in the things of the Lord; and my heart pondereth them continually on the thing I have **seen and heard.***” Those are **key words!**

You want to be like Nephi. You want to obtain what Nephi saw and heard. And I will put one other word in there – handled.

Now look at the next verse. “**17 Nevertheless**, (Inspite of everything that’s happened to me. That’s what that word means) In spite of everything that’s happened to me, *notwithstanding the great goodness of the Lord, in showing me his great and marvelous works*, (watch this. There is hope for us, isn’t there, at this point) *my heart exclaimeth: O wretched man that I am!* (How can a person that’s been embraced in the arms of Jesus and has found safety in that embrace; who has been born of fire. How can that person say, O wretched person? Well you better. Cuz, what he’s doing is establishing a pattern for us, Brothers and Sisters. And in his words, what he is doing is telling us what we need to be, what we need to feel like, what we need to do and say in order to obtain what he has seen and heard and handled. That’s the key. It’s a pattern.) *Yea, my heart sorroweth because of my flesh* (He’s had the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost. He is a Holy man. He is in his 70’s and yet he understand that while he yet abides in the telestial school room, the tugs and pulls of this earth and his flesh will have a downward movement on him. Always. That’s just the way it is. Until you become translated and exchange this telestial body of flesh for a translated terrestrial body of flesh, while you are in this world, you will feel the downward tugs and pulls of a dying world. That’s just the way it is. So if we understand that concept, we can see how is it that this holy man can say that.) ; *my soul grieveth because of mine iniquities. 18 I am encompassed about, because of the temptations and the sins which do so easily beset me.* (Does anybody relate to this? This great, holy man. I do.)

Let’s go to another one. Let’s go to **2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 9**. Don’t you love the Book of Mormon! The Book of Mormon, Brothers and Sisters is a handbook on how to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> Comfortor and to be received by Him. This is the book. This is not the only record of people who have seen Christ, but this is a record of a people who are ALIVE IN CHRIST! They lived a lesser law, they practice Aaronic ordinances, and yet, with all

that, their society, as a society, were not given the higher law. They had to come up as individuals and obtain something of a standing in what's called "the Holy Order".

Now go with me over to verse **2 Nephi 9, v41**. *41 O then, my beloved brethren, come unto the Lord, the Holy One. Remember that his paths are righteous. Behold, the way for man is narrow, but it lieth in a straight course before him, and the keeper of the gate is the Holy One of Israel; and he employeth no servant there; and there is none other way save it be by the gate; for he cannot be deceived, for the Lord God is his name.*

Oh lets go to **42**. *42 And whoso knocketh, to him will he open; and the wise, and the learned, and they that are rich, who are puffed up because of their learning, and their wisdom, and their riches* (Did you catch those 3 things? The learning of the world, the wisdom of the world and the riches of the world disqualify you from what this verse is going to promise you. Those are the disqualifiers. Take an inventory right now and see how we're doing. ) *"They that are rich and they that are puffed up because of their learning and their wisdom and their riches" —yea, they are they whom he despiseth* (strong word. We need to let that one sink in as we take inventory of where we are at and what kind of persons we are. Where's your heart? Are you loved or are you in a situation where, not that He despises you, but he despises the unredeemed man and woman that you are – still struggling with the natural flesh. He loves you! Then he goes on and he says) *unless they shall cast these things away, (watch this) and consider themselves fools before God, and come down in the depths of humility, he will not open unto them.*

Periodically, as the result of the podcasts, I get a little note that will say, "Who are you and what are your credentials?" And I'm just so quick to say "I'm nobody and I don't have any." And I send that email back. And then another email will come back and say, "What I mean is . . . ." (he chuckles)

And, really because I'm trying to be like Nephi . . . I want to be in this place where because of the change that has taken place in my life, the view that I have of who I am and of who He is, and the vast difference between us. The best word that I can think of that fits is fool. And I'm ok with that. Because I know that until I get to that point, I can't go up.

Look at the next verse. *43 But the things of the wise and the prudent shall be hid from them forever—yea, that happiness which is prepared for the saints.*

Now Brothers and Sisters, all our dear Savior wants from you, is your heart. We are not in competition with each other here, not a one. Satan wants you to compare. And in the comparison begins the competition. And in the competition comes the pride and we go astray.

It's just one on one. Have you ever noticed, like Sister Stroud said, everything the Savior does is one on one. How can he do that? He's so busy!

Where He lives, He can spend time with you, face to face, as long as you need and still maintain control and order over all things. He can do that. You can have a personal audience with Him and everything still remains orderly.

I'd like to talk to you tonight about the enemy. I think that of all the podcasts that we did, the ones that have received the most comment were the ones on Devils and Unclean Spirits. Without a doubt, wouldn't you say Margie? That's the one. And there's a reason for that.

Go with me to Doctrine and Covenants 24 for a minute and let's look at a couple of things. Let's go to Verse 13, *Doc & Cov Section 24, V13*. The Lord says "*13 Require not miracles, except I shall command you, except* (catch those 2 excepts. And here is one more thing to pay attention to. The first thing listed is casting out devils. The second thing listed is what – healing the sick. Did you ever stop to think that there may be a reason why those are listed that way?) *casting out devils, healing the sick. . . .*

Let's go to another – *Doc and Cov, Section 35, v 9*. Notice the first one listed. *Casting out devils*. Second one listed, *healing the sick*. These are just two examples of what you will find throughout all the scriptures – in the Book of Mormon; in the Doctrine and Covenants and in the New Testament.

Let's look at *Doc & Cov, 35: 9*. "*And whoso shall ask it in my name in faith, they shall cast out devils; they shall heal the sick; they shall cause the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak, and the lame to walk.*"

In the *gospel of Mark* it says "*In my name signs shall follow those that believe. In my name they shall cast out devils and heal the sick.*"

We need to pay attention to that, because these people have been operating too long in anonymity. We need to cast light on this. Until we do something about this affliction, you are going to meet stumbling blocks and barriers in your progress.

For 30 years I taught the Seminary and institute programs and I thought that casting out devils and unclean spirits – I thought those 2 groups were 2 terms referring to the same group. They are not. This is 2 different groups of people.

The one we refer to as devils are the ones that run the show in hell. They are the ones in charge. They are the movers and shakers. They are the ones who are malevolent and murderous. I've seen them . . . I don't want to see them again. What I saw caused me so much trauma that I couldn't get over it for days and days. I couldn't get over it for a couple of weeks. We need to know that they are there.

The devils control the unclean spirits. The devils are the 3<sup>rd</sup> part that were cast out. Their aprons are black. No life. No family. No wife. No children.

The unclean spirits are men and women who have lived on the earth and died in their sins. Either they knew better and rebelled against the principle of repentance and the atonement of Christ or they didn't know better and simply lived and died, taking with them their addictions, their compulsions, their desires, appetites and passions. And finding themselves un-embodied in another world, still having those same addiction, compulsions and appetites intensified. This is something the prophets have talked about – the early brethren.

When you lay the body down and you go into the spirit realm, that person that you are, good and bad – your attributes and your addictions are intensified and enhanced. And it has something to do with being without the physical body.

It appears that these unclean spirits . . . It is my feeling that the devils have no care for things of a sexual matter, because they've never had a physical body. It's my feeling that the devils are more interested in control, slavery and power.

But the unclean spirits are still operating with their addictions and compulsions. So what they do, they have found out quickly and are taught quickly by the devils that they can find a release from these afflictions by taking them out on morals still in the telestial world. It's not enough to satisfy but it is enough to keep them coming back for more.

My experience, and this is Mike Stroud, I take them and put them into 3 categories, One is just what I call the common influence of these spirits that are here, just because we live in their realm. This is their world. You're in hell. The telestial world is not a kingdom of glory, yet. You are in a hell place. You are in the realm of these spirits who are in rebellion, or are caught up in addiction and don't know what to do with it except afflict you.

Most of the unclean spirits I've found are not malicious, murderous or malevolent. They can be nasty sometimes but most of them are just flat confused. All of the emotions that we see in this life – anger, frustration, depression, discouragement, suicide – anything that's negative that we see in human-kind in this world, they continue to experience in the spirit and you pick up on those emotions.

Have you ever had anger come out of nowhere for no reason and just settle on you and not know what the heck is going on? Devils have no respect for the agency of God's children in this world. They intrude. They are trespassers; they are interlopers and they come where they're not wanted. Unclean spirits also. All of these groups. The only difference is that unclean spirits still have the gift of repentance available to them. They can turn. Some of these who afflict us in the flesh, after having been dealt with priesthood power and teaching the doctrine of Christ, without railing accusations (better look that one up), but with love in your heart, and charity, many of these persons repent and instead of being your tormentors are now enlisted as your guardians.

So what do we do about this? They are hidden in this anonymity. The more they can remain cloaked in mystery and lack of knowledge, the happier they are. So brothers and sisters, Brethren, you need to wake up. We need you. There are people all around you. You, perhaps yourself, that have either an influence, an attachment or a possession. Those are the 3 words that I use to describe their involvement with mortals in the telestial world. Just being here you are going to be under their influence because that's just a part of being here.

However, they can attach themselves to you. I picture it almost like Velcro. One piece is you and the other piece is them and they just, more or less, are with you all the time. That's where you start to get into trouble. It becomes more difficult for you to make correct choices and you end up being more confused because of their influence in your life.

If you continue to make the wrong choices, they go from an attachment to a possession and right through the crown of the head, they go inside your body and they take over. Now you've got "them" inside you and for all intents and purposes, your spirit now becomes, as the Book of Mormon says, subject to that evil one who fell from the presence of God and became the devil to rise no more. We've got to get these guys out.

You can't use general priesthood ordinance language and get specific results. We need to educate ourselves. There is no reason for us, at this time and in this world, to be ignorant of these things. There is no reason. You have the greatest general, social urim and thummum ever found among mankind called the internet. Now true, evil and good are on it. You can get everything on it. You just have to spend some time. Go back and read what the early brethren had to say about this subject. It was, are you ready for this? In their conferences and in their church meetings, it was the Number 1 topic discussed among the members of the church in those days. You can see in [Section 50](#) and other sections of the Doctrine and Covenants were given to deal with this phenomenon, that Joseph Smith shed light on after 2000 years of darkness and the lost knowledge of who these people are, what do they want and how do we deal with them. What do we do about it? You need to avail yourselves of that. Brethren, we need you to become informed and raise up in the power of your priesthood.

One of the first things you will do as you start to exercise that magnificent power will be to liberate those who are afflicted with unclean spirits and devils; got to do it. There are people in this room, right now, that are severely handicapped because of this. There are people who have been delivered and will tell you the difference.

How are we going to do this, Brethren? How are we going to do this? Right now the powers that fight against us are so massive and there are so few who will raise up and pronounce a blessing. Not pray over somebody. There is a difference between praying over somebody and standing up and pronouncing a blessing. By the authority of the priesthood and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and use those words – Depart and come not hither again!

Your wives and your children are suffering, many of them. You will be surprised how many phone calls and text messages I get from sisters who recognize this affliction from within the family and are just desperate to see it stop and don't know what to do. So we get on the phone and we talk to husbands. We try to give scripture passages. I'm no guru on this. I don't profess to be anything, but I know what the brethren taught in the early days. And we need just do what they were doing! We need to be bold and yet not overbearing. We need to stand up and rebuke, but not with railing accusations. We need to be filled with the love of Christ so we can approach these people, because that's who they are. I don't care if you call them a demon or a devil or an unclean spirit. They are people. And it's organized intelligence and its purpose to captivate and enslave God's children and they need to be redeemed and liberated.

You anoint with oil, seal that anointing and pronounce a blessing and you address these people as the spirit directs, specifically and directly. And the Lord will teach you brethren. There is no handbook on this. But if you'll step out and do this, God will reveal to you through his Holy Spirit who you are dealing with, what words you should say, and with time and experience, like all other gifts of the Spirit you will become more perfected in this.

You have to start! Brethren! If I can't talk to this group, whose foreordination and destiny is to be translated, who can we talk to about this? This is critical! And we need to do something about it. So, step out; have courage! You don't have to be perfect. You just need to have a desire to serve God. And if you have a desire, you are called to the work and He will sustain you in that desire and that effort. We have got to start and we have got to start right here!

Zion will not be redeemed by any of you that have not control, through priesthood power, over evil spirits and devils. He won't do it. You won't be a part of it. Because part of that is going to be to cast out, to invite to leave, to release, to deal with all kinds of things that can only be discerned through the power of the Holy Spirit because there is no books written on this! You have to be taught by the Spirit.

Now let me talk to you about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for a minute. Another question that I get all the time – Brother Stroud, are you one of those apostates? (Chuckles) Why? Because I teach the doctrine of Christ from the Book of Mormon?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is doing exactly what it's supposed to be doing right now. Because that doesn't measure up to some people's thinking, that then becomes their test.

The scriptures tell me that the Lord is going to do a strange work and a strange act. You don't have to wait for that to start. It's happening right now. **2Nephi 30** says there will be a great division among the people. You don't have to look for that in the future. It's going on right now.

There is no reason for anybody to leave the church. There is absolutely no reason. If you're contemplating that or if you've done that it's because your view is skewed. You are not seeing. You have bought some traditions that have come down in the last 180 years and that we have embraced as truth. As soon as you shed some of those traditions you thought were true, your view changes – of the church, its mission, of the people in it and you find no fault.

I was talking to the author of “The Perfect Day” blog the other day. I follow that blog. Marvelous! “The Perfect Day.” The perfect day comes from [Section 50](#) and the perfect day is to stand in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and be received of Him. That's the Perfect Day.

He and I were talking about the events we see taking place across the world right now and we were marveling about how many people are making a choice to have their names removed from the membership of the church, or to talk a walk. And we talked back and forth. He said if they had the correct view of what the church's mission and purpose is, and not find fault with the flaws of men and telestial, mortal institutional mistakes, you would never walk away. If you stop to think about it, if you are like me and I were to walk away, I would leave the one thing that has brought me everything I know, to this point. How stupid is that? Why would you do that? It's the baby with the bath water!

You just need to change your view and understand that the church is designed to do certain things. It operates in an Aaronic, preparatory, foundational level. And the purpose of the Church of Jesus Christ is to bring you out of the world, into this organization by covenant, establish your feet on a foundation and then get you to the temple where the fun really begins.

So for the members of the church that never make it to the temple, the purpose of your membership is void. You're baptized by water, which Joseph Smith says begins the baptismal ordinance. “But you might as well baptize a bag of sand as to baptize by water without the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost” and the other greater ordinances that are associated with the greater portion of the word. If you understand that, you understand what the purpose of the church is.

I love the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints but I have no illusions. I understand that God always has and always will work with flawed men in this world. And it doesn't take anything away from Him, who knows all things and who does things in His wisdom. Nothing!

In wrapping up tonight, I would like to testify to you how grateful I am to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I pray for the brethren. Oh that's a tough place. Do you think you could do any better? I pray for my Stake President. I pray for my Bishop. But I understand that it's me and the Savior and He employs no servant between us. I have great guides and directors in Prophets and Apostles, Stake Presidents

and Bishops and teachers, parents, friends. Great guides and directors. What they do is say this; “Mike, I’m not Him. He’s over there.”

Now picture with me a little story. Back to my Perfect Day Blog person. You thought I’d forgotten that and got side tracked! I was talking to him and he said, he’s up in Idaho and he said this, picture a big, old Idaho potato field out there, all you Idaho folks out there, right. You’re on one side of the potato field and you’re looking across this other and it’s all green and everything. All of a sudden on a dirt road you see a pickup truck coming up on the left. It’s one of those Idaho pickup trucks, you know. And it comes down and stops right straight across from you in the field. And you look at that. You can see the driver, but you can’t make him out and you wonder, “What is he doing?” The driver reaches over and opens the passenger side door, which opens facing you. You look in and you say, “Well it’s the Savior driving that truck.”

As you’re marveling about this, He goes like this and waves for you to come over. So you walk through that field, wondering what this is all about. You get up there and He says, “Come on in.” You climb into the passenger seat. He says, “Shut the door.” And you shut the door. He says, “Now, where would you like Me to take us?”

Notice who is in the driver’s seat. If we get a feel that we can trust Him to take us where He knows we need to go and surrender our will to His timing and His way, why He’ll do everything you need. You don’t need a list. All you need to do is simply follow that Spirit, which is the voice of Christ, speaking to you and it will take you every step of the way without missing one thing to where you need to go, that is unique to you and *only He knows it*.

Well brothers and sisters, there are translated beings on the earth right now. The day is here. They have always been on the earth but there is an increase right now. There are people who are coming down from the city of Enoch. They can see us. They know the time is here. Can you feel it? There is a sense of urgency but no haste, because the establishment of Zion will not be done in haste. Isn’t that a paradox – urgency but no haste. It’s done in order.

These beings are coming down from the City of Enoch and are appearing to men and women who are who are awake and aware of their mission. There are covenants, ordinances and ordinations involved in the process.

If you’ve always had an interest in this and you feel drawn to this, it’s because this is your future. I honestly believe that we are looking at a group of gatherers. What’s another name for gatherers? The 144,000!

I was talking to a man who has some special information about translation. We were talking about the use of portals and how they move through portals. If you want to find out more on that, pull out Spencer’s book, dust it off and take a look. There is some real stuff in there.

And he (the man) said “Mike, here’s how it works.” My ears when . . . whoop. “You’ll call up that portal and you’ll move through it as assigned by the Savior. It’s belongs to you. It’s yours. As you step through that, you’ll find yourself in a dirty, dark, little street in Germany. In the darkness you will hear some crying, some sobbing and you will follow that. You have been sent there on that mission. You are in the exact, right place, doing what you need to do and you will see a little, 11-year-old girl, down behind the garbage cans in the dark, weeping and scared, fearing for her life, hungry. You will speak to her in English and she will understand you perfectly in German. She’ll speak to you in German and you’ll understand her perfectly in English. You’ll take her to a place where she can be safe. Where there is no more anyone to hurt nor make afraid. And as you deliver her to that place of safety and you see her stepping away from you – mission accomplished. As she turns around to thank you, you won’t be there as you have simply stepped back through the portal.

Do you think you can come to that point and still embrace Babylon? Do you think you can come to that point and maintain and hide your pornography addiction? There are quite a few in here that have that and are trying to hide it. Why do you hide something from Him who sees everything? Why don’t you admit that you’re a victim on a battlefield. That you’re temporarily missing in action, because that’s what you are. You are not wicked, you’re not evil, you’re wounded and you need help. Satan will influence you to remain hidden in the dark and to lie. Step forward. Don’t forfeit your destiny. It’s the time now!

I testify to you of the reality of Jesus Christ. He who says, “Be cheerful”, is cheerful. He says “be not troubled nor afraid”. But until you come to Him, and consider yourself a fool, He will not open to you and you will not obtain.

One of the great revelations I’ve had this week, is one of the most simple ones I’ve ever seen in my life before. I don’t know what you think when you think of the 2<sup>nd</sup> comforter and what your expectation and your vision of that is. How many times in the Book of Mormon do we see the phrase or hear the phrase or read it, “Come unto Me.”, right? “Come unto Me.” It isn’t “I’ll come to you.” That’s once in John, over in the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter. But throughout all the scriptures you see the Savior with His arms out, inviting you to come to him! And that’s what’s more likely going to happen. When you see Him, even then He can come to you and does, you’re in a telestial world. He is the Lord God of the Terrestrial world and His Father is the King of the Celestial world. And even though they can come here, it’s more likely that you’ll be taken to them. Come unto Me and be received by them.

I’ve learned that one of the things that they enjoy most, they enjoy surprising their children with things they least expected to get them, at a time when they are least expected to come. Heaven just rejoices in bestowing gifts like that. They are not far away. And it’s us, our false traditions and our precepts, the philosophies of men mingled with scripture that keep us here. And they wait and long for us to come to them. I testify to the truthfulness of that, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Messiah. Amen.

## Question and Answer portion.

Hello everyone. I'm the guy over there behind the cameras and the computers. So the next part is the Q and A. So how's that going to work? I don't know how many people are here, but there are 450 people online watching right now. It peaked out at 458 concurrent people. They might rival everyone here at the time. They are asking questions in the chat room and then there are people here asking questions, so we are going to do a little tag team. Someone here will ask a question, then we'll read one of their questions, back and forth, back and forth. So we will just take turns. So kind of que up testimony meeting style, one or two. And if there's a lul, we'll take a couple of questions online. Thanks a lot.

From Mike – Shelle says we'll take questions and answers for 15 minutes. Here's the microphone up here. You can come up. First of all, let me say, I am not the font of all knowledge, so be prepared to hear "I don't know!" (laughter) Really I'm not comfortable with this, but we're going to do it anyway and see where it goes, OK? Now I'm deaf. I'm wearing 2 hearing aids up here and I left my little controls down at my friend's house, so you must speak up. Especially women's voices. My wife says it's selective hearing. OK let's try it and see what we got:

Question 1 – **“I want to know how, ultimately, we gain power to overcome either the evil or unclean spirits attached to depression.”**

Well, my experience is that depression, in fact my feelings are that depression and discouragement . . . I'm not going to say that there isn't such a thing as chemical imbalances or that there isn't such a thing as bipolar. I'm not going to say that. But, I believe, this is Mike Stroud 16, v4, that the vast majority of these afflictions that we hear about with people taking medicine after medicine after medicine are the direct result of the influences of these beings. They need to be released and sent away. The Spirit will teach you how to say that.

Now it's not enough for you just to release them. There is a parable in [Matthew 12](#), that's just 3 verses long and talks about a spirit being cast out of its house, going to and fro on the earth. After a while it comes back and finds the house empty, swept and garnished and returns taking 7 other spirits worse than he in and the state of that person in the latter time is worse than in the first. What is to be learned from that parable? You have to pull the weeds and plant the flowers. You can't just create a void and expect it's going to stay that way.

One of the things that I do when I am asked to administer to somebody is that I teach them the doctrine, I teach them the Doctrine of Christ. I'm not in a rush to get in and lay my hands, but I take the scriptures and go through the scriptures. And then I teach them that I need to have their permission to have beings of light to come in. Because, whereas, these negative personages care nothing about the agency of man, God's emissaries and

true messengers must have your permission. They need to be invited and given permission to come in. So I ask the person right there after I've explained that, "Do I have your permission to invite these people to come in" and they need to say yes.

So once we get rid of these beings . . . here's something else brothers and sisters, you can't expect that this is going to be a one time fix-all forever. Otherwise, what's the purpose of the telestial world? What's the purpose of mortality? You are going to continue to fight these beings. What we are trying to do is level the playing field and give you an edge. Give you some breathing room, come out of the dark, catch a little sunshine, take a deep breath, put on your armor and get back in the fight!

When you're down KIA or MIA, when you're not standing; the word in the scriptures is stand and if you're down in the battle you're no good. You are not doing any good, so we need to get you some first aid and get you standing up. Angels, the spirits of just men made perfect, and women, your ancestors, your guardians, all of the guardian angels that watch over you, and there are more than one. They are all your family. They are not strangers. These are your ancestors who have been here before you and these are those who have yet to be born but are coming into your family line. And you are in the battle and they are extremely interested in your welfare because those that have gone on, you're doing something that is going to eternally bless their lives. And those who are coming, they want to make sure that the place they come to gives them a fair shake on their time on the earth.

You may have to do this more than once. If you only had to do this once, it would negate the purpose of this experience. That's why we need to be able to do this. Did that help? (from the sister who asked the question) Thank you very much.

**Question 2 - Our first question from online: "If you have been called to the 144,000 already, will you know you have been called?"**

You'll know by the Spirit. I have a hunch that a lot of you have not received your official calling or ordination because it is an ordinance because it comes under the hands of heavenly beings. You'll know it when it happens to you. It will come from the other side of the veil or from those on this side of the veil who have been authorized and hold the proper keys to do that. And those who on this side of the veil who are still mortals in this world that have that authority to perform that, got it from translated beings and heavenly beings. They have received that ordination with the charge now, when the Lord says, "Ordain and to administer these ordinances and covenants to others." They are here.

The constitution of Zion is *Moses Chapter 7:18*. This is the constitution of Zion and the New Jerusalem: "*And the Lord called His people Zion because they were of one heart and one mind and dwelt in righteousness and there was no poor among them.*" There are covenants that are associated with this calling. The covenants are chastity and purity, they are 2 of them. You will have to find out the 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's waiting for you. Did that help?

Question 3 – “Thank you for being here. My name is Daniel Christensen. I’m a full time student at the University of Utah. I am 24 years old and I have a statement and it leads to a question. My statement is, it seems like every day when I get on facebook or instagram or whatever I see friends, family and close people that I know, associates that they leave the church and they pronounce that they don’t need the church whatsoever. My question to you is **will they come back? That’s one. And how can I avoid falling off the wagon, so to speak, and be one of those that are deceived?** Does that make sense?”

Lets go to **Section 45 of the Doctrine and Covenants**. Section 45 is the center scripture for all the podcasts. You should have this memorized by now, if you’ve been listening to them. We are going to go over to **verse 55**. This gives you a context of where we are at in the following 2 verses. *“Satan shall be bound and he shall have no place in the hearts of the children of men.”* That is the millennial, 3<sup>rd</sup>, terrestrial estate that is coming up. Now watch this. *“At that day. . .”* What day? When the millennium begins. Daniel, you are witnessing things that prophets for 6000 years have seen in vision and have longed to be where you’re at. And you need not be afraid but go forward in faith as long as you do one thing, as these scriptures talk about. What? *“At that day, when I shall come in my glory,”* that’s the second coming. *“Shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the Ten Virgins.”* You know that. We won’t go through that.

Here’s your key. Do you want to get through from today into the Millineal world with an inheritance in that world? We all want that, right? We want to successfully complete the callings and missions that the Lord has in store for us and help others do the same. Here is what you must do. *“They that are wise.”* Remember the 5 wise and the 5 foolish. This is the wise. *“have received the truth.”* That is no easy thing in this world. This part: *“and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide.”* Now watch the next part. *“Verily I say unto you . . .”* Here you go again. *“They are they who shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day.”* Abide means to live in, to take up residence. What day? It’s the day between now and the Second Coming of the Lord, which is going to be very, very tricky to navigate. In fact you won’t navigate it unless you’ve done this.

Here’s the two keys to get from here to there. **Receive the truth**. You can ponder that. I’ll give you a little key on that in a minute that I was taught by a holy man. And **take the Holy Spirit for your guide**. What about this truth? How can you tell that it’s true?

A man that I love dearly, who is listening to this, taught me this principle. He said, “Mike, **truth prevails**.” You want to write that down. This is one of those little gems, Daniel. It’s for you. **“Truth prevails. Falsehoods dim and die.”** There is no prevailing in untruth. So when you come across something that is new to you, that kind of slaps you and you go whoa! Be slow to reject out of hand. Just because it’s something that you haven’t heard before or understand . . . You can’t be like the Saints in the days of Joseph where he says, “they put up stakes”. That’s boundaries. They built walls around them and said “I’ll go so far and no further and then they die, and in the resurrection find out their mistake. You don’t want to do that. And yet, you want to be open, but you want to be wise and prudent. Prudent means cautious. Don’t be afraid of being deceived. You are already deceived. (laughter) Fear of deception is deception. Fear of being deceived

effectively stops you. Don't be afraid. Be faithful. Move forward in confidence. Let the doctrine of the Priesthood distill upon you as the dews from heaven and move forward.

The answer to your question, Daniel; the only answer is that you must learn how to receive personal revelation and take that as your guide. You must become practiced in that and the only way I that you can become more perfected in that is to make mistakes along the way and learn from your mistakes.

Now, set it on the shelf. If something's new and you just go "Oh my gosh! I don't know about that." Well don't throw it away. Set it up on the shelf knowing that if it's true, it will prevail and when you revisit it, it will have a resonance. It will still be there as bright and undimmed as it was when you placed it up there.

Have you ever wondered why Nephi said the Book of Mormon, the brass plates would be bright and never become dimmed in time? It's because they contain truth! And truth "*shineth*" **Section 88. Truth Shineth!** That is a physical property of truth. That's not an allegory or symbolic. If truth is physically perceived, it's perceived in light and heat. We got it all wrong when we say it's hot as hell. (laughter) We've got it backwards! Hell's cold. Heaven's hot. God dwells in everlasting burnings. Ok. So Daniel, did that help? Take the Holy Spirit as your guide.

Question 4 – "Thanks for doing our homework for us, Mike. **Speak to the power of women to cast out devils and also tell us what you can about using the keys we learn in the temple for the true order of prayer.**"

OK. Boy I got in trouble with this on a couple of podcasts. I had a couple of men get downright upset with me. They said I was a female chauvinist. Not male, female chauvinist. I said, "What, what?" Here's my feelings on that. It's not a matter of one being better than another. It's a matter of roles. It's a matter of who you are. Sisters, my opinion is, you're not seeking to become like Father. You are seeking to become like Mother. Brethren, you are seeking to become like Father. Father and Mother together are whole. If you want to see God; if God were to appear to you tonight, do you know what you would see? A man and a woman. Him standing out in front and her in the back? I'll tell you not! OK. In the temple we hear "Adam awake and arise." You notice that's not said to the sisters. "Adam awake and arise!" See. So brethren, there is nothing in eternity more glorious than a glorified, exalted, perfected man. But he can't do it without a woman. Can't do it.

Women's nature, by nature, is sacrificial and the symbol of blood of the sacrifice, is with a woman throughout her life. She gives up everything when she comes into the Telesstial world, including her own name and for the rest of her life she has a life of sacrifice for others.

Men, we're by nature selfish. This isn't bad. Put the rocks down. This isn't bad. It's just a part of the plan. There is something that we need to learn in this world that we

need priesthood to help us learn it. Priesthood, brethren, it's my feeling, is to help you learn to sacrifice, which is difficult for men. Now we have other wonderful attributes - protecting, knowledge. But priesthood is to help us do that.

As to what's in the temple, I can't talk to any degree on that other than Brigham Young, in the 70's book that was given in the Nauvoo Temple told us that the keys of the priesthood are in the signs of the priesthood and that in signs of the priesthood, you receive an endowment that gives you keys to understand past, present and future. That every person who has been to the temple and has received their endowment blessings, have received keys, that *when authorized by God*, will allow you to inquire into and receive information concerning the past, the present and the future.

Let me just say also brethren, one of the things do is, you need to be practicing using your priesthood in minor ways to see how element responds to your entreaties. Someday in the future, you are going to receive something called "the fullness of the Melchizedek Priesthood". That's a required thing for you to have for you to be one of the 144,000. Men, women can also be a part of the 144,000 and will be. When you receive the fullness of the priesthood, men become kings and high priests and women become queens and priestesses and that's about all I can say on that right now.

Take this to Father and say "what is this fullness of the Melchizedek Priesthood?" Go into the internet. Google that up, do some research and when you feel like you have sufficient knowledge, go to the Father, in the name of His Son, and start to inquire and plead to obtain and receive.

There is a law in Heaven brothers and sisters. It's an eternal law. Almost without exception, answers to questions are never given until the question is asked. We need to learn to ask and ask a lot. You should have a list of questions that you can take in your prayers to Heavenly Father. You let the Spirit give these. And when you part the veil and stand in the presence of those persons on the other side, you want to have a list of things to ask them. At that point, when you're there and you say "Oh my. I'm here!" and you can't remember one thing to ask . . . You want to be prepared for that, because that's what you're striving to do. So you want to prepare now and ask the questions. Have them written out. Take them to him now in prayer and fasting. Receive answers through the Holy Spirit and be prepared, also to ask those questions when you see as you're seen and hear as you're heard. OK? That's about all I can say on that.

Question 5 – Next question. **"In podcast 001 you talked about how to know the voice of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Ghost. How to identify them. But how about our own voice?"**

I would refer you to John Pontius' book called "Following the Light of Christ into His Presence". He deals with that much better than I could. It's just that there are 3 voices that we are dealing with all the time: the voice of your own mind – the voice of righteousness and goodness and the voice of evil. And we've gone over that to some degree in the podcasts. Let me just say, you can tell the voice of the Spirit. Joseph Smith

said this, "It will whisper peace." There's your number 1 thing. "It will whisper peace and happiness." Now happiness starts to get questionable because happiness can also be counterfeited by the devil. Peace is the one thing, in my experience, that cannot be counterfeited by the devil. And Joseph came out and said, "it will remove hatred, greed and malice from your heart. This is how you recognize the voice of the Spirit. And your whole desire will be to do good to your fellow man. So let me say those things again. Here we go. This is how you recognize this. Peace.

I gave a blessing to a lady that was just wrought upon by evil. So I laid my hands upon her head. I talked about this in the podcast. She could hardly sit still. After the blessing it didn't seem to get any better and I got a little nervous. "This isn't going to work. What am I going to do now." It shows where my faith was. Then all of a sudden the Spirit just said, "Reach over her shoulder, put your hand on her head – reach over her shoulder and take hold of her hand and say this word, "peace." The Spirit said, "Say it again. Peace." One more time, "Peace." And all movement stopped. She went down in her chair. It was like this huge weight. I watched the peace of the Master descend upon her. Irrefutable evidence of the presence of angels and the Holy Ghost.

Here we are again: Peace, happiness, take away hatred, greed, malice and your whole desire will be to do good. Now brothers and sisters, I think that's it for the night. Thank you so much. I hope that this has been helpful. I love you and I am so happy to be one of you! I love my Father in Heaven. He is so gracious, kind and merciful. I love his beloved son, Jesus. I only want to do what's right. I'm nobody. I'm grateful that this has happened. This has happened and I can still feel the depth of humility and love for my Savior. I have not been captured by that pride. I pray that I can always remain in a state of grace. And you too! Having broken hearts and a contrite spirit. I pray for all of us in the name of Jesus, to give us humility, meekness and lowliness of heart, to love the unlovable, to be slow to anger and quick to forgive. To have our views changed by the atonement of Christ. To be filled with the charity of God and the pure love of His Son, so that we see each other and all others as they do. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Master and Redeemer. Amen.