

Rebirth

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Several weeks ago we had a caller ask about the **“White Horse Prophecy”**

I made the comment that I didn't believe the concept came from Joseph himself.

Unsure of my information, I tried to give the LDS Church the benefit of the doubt.

I was wrong.

And a number of you have written to show me how.

These people include:

But Marlene from Utah Lighthouse Ministries sent me a link to their very reputable website at www.utlm.org

Bottom line, Joseph Smith did make the prophecy, LDS leaders and prophets HAVE recited this prophecy over the years, AND today they are doing their best to back-peddle on the issue and suggest that it was never said!

This is disturbing on a number of accounts.

First – and most importantly – I was tricked AGAIN by them. I gave them the benefit of the doubt and even echoed their public renunciation of it.

They are lying . . . AGAIN!

Read email and info from Sandra Tanners site.

In summary, this is what Sandra Tanner said:

Why?

Well this is another disturbing subject – they are lying because they don't want people to truly know their hearts and minds when it comes to national politics.

Mitt Romney and his supporters would love to bury this sacred belief because outside of Mormonism it is quite terrifying to embrace.

Here lies perhaps the MOST disturbing thing about their lie – it is to cover and shade the true LDS heart – that the LDS Church will be the institution, through its elders – so save this country from destruction.

With the constitution hanging by a thread, Mormon Elders will run for office, win, and save the United States of America's constitution.

Now here's the scary thing – I think the prophecy could be true! I think that Joseph may have gotten this prediction right. Where it came from I don't know, but I could see this happening.

Look at the public sway they have today! Look at their power, their image, their scrubbed exterior!

I think – with the well intended help of some persuasive and popular evangelicals – the LDS Church could rise and take over!

And what would it mean?

Control.
Manipulation.

<p>A fourth Reich. With Mormonism seeping under the very fabric of our lives.</p> <p>This idea, this utopian ideal, is straight from the pages of 1984.</p> <p>And Jesus – the Americanized, sanitized, Elder Brother Jesus – will lead the way, with a flag in one hand and a bar-coded temple recommend in the other.</p>	
<p>Many of you know that I also host a show called the Infallible Word which airs on Monday evenings at 9:30 and Friday evenings at 8:30.</p> <p>We have been going verse by verse through the Gospel of John.</p> <p>Strange as this may sound to the Christian or LDS ear, I believe in a sort of “Synergistic Zeitgeist” that God uses in my life to teach me.</p> <p>This is not “burning in my bosom” but is more like a layering of situations where God speaks to me intellectually and spiritually.</p> <p>I experience a sort-of “syncopation of information that kind-of intersect with each other – like the warp and weft of a finely woven fabric.</p> <p>There is integrity to the thoughts.</p> <p>It is at these intersections of warp and weft where I am able to see and confirm “things of substance” in the crossroads of my life.</p> <p>I pray daily for reality to reveal itself to me – to “see” and “hear” the realities of God.</p>	

I desire nothing more than to have the ability to see the reality of everything before me – in people, in opportunities, in information and direction.

As I have had the blessing to teach from the gospel of John, I have at the same time have been receiving emails from LDS people whose questions and circumstances seem to abnormally “fit” into doctrinal categories discussed in John.

At the same time, I also meet people in person who are facing similar questions and concerns, I’m hearing music that addresses these issues, reading other books that speak of these issues, and even randomly watch films that tie in them cinematically.

Some call this Kismet.
Some say it is coincidence or serendipity.

I ascribe it all to God.

Of late I have received several questions from inquiring Latter-day Saints about the Bible and being Born-Again.

We get these questions because our ministry believes that spiritual rebirth of the individual is perhaps THE MOST important event in the life of a person seeking God.

Once they have found God, it is the walking with Him, but for those seeking God, spiritual rebirth is the unequivocal mandate.

<p>The questions include:</p> <p><i>Besides the story of Jesus and Nicodemus, where else does it speak about being Born-Again in the Bible?</i></p> <p><i>How do you know you are born-again?</i></p> <p><i>What is the process, if any, to spiritual rebirth?</i></p> <p><i>Can a Christian lose their salvation?</i></p> <p>I'd like to take a moment tonight and address each of these questions. And I want to ask you to do me a favor.</p> <p>Will you get up right now and get a pencil and paper. I will wait 15 seconds for you to do this.</p> <p>Please. Go on. Hurry.</p> <p>Okay?</p>	
<p>First, besides in the Gospel of John, where else does the Bible speak of being born-again?</p>	<p><i>Ezekiel 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.</i></p> <p><i>Jeremiah 32:39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:</i></p> <p><i>40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they</i></p>

shall not depart from me.

Ezekiel 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

1st Corinthian 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1st Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

At the conclusion of our show, we have always run a passage out of John which reads:

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:13 Which were born, not of

	<p><i>blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.</i></p> <p>(Explain this)</p> <p>THEN . . .</p> <p>The LDS song” I am a Child of God” by virtue of what it reads here in John and in these other verse, is misleading.</p> <p>It says:</p> <p><i>I am a child of God. And He has sent me here. Has given me an earthly home. With parents kind and dear.</i></p> <p>WHOOAA!</p> <p>In light of the consistent Biblical message the song should go:</p> <p><i>I am a creature of God, Separated at birth from Him, I’m living in a fallen world, and need rebirth from sin.</i></p> <p><i>This is the good news. We are sinners. God sent His Son to reconcile us to Him. We accept Him by faith, are regenerated, and walk with Him as our Guide.</i></p> <p><i>There is NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS.</i></p>
<p>“What is the process, if any, to spiritual rebirth?”</p>	<p>I want to give you seven passages of scripture for YOU to look up and read.</p>

I didn't get them from a concordance. I found them all tucked away in scripture. They gently reveal what most Christians would call "the process of spiritual rebirth."

Titus 3:3-8

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

(Discuss)

Okay, how about another?

Hebrews 10:19-24

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, {boldness: or, liberty}

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in

full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.

(DISCUSS)

John 8:30-32

As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31 ¶ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

(DISCUSS)

Colossians 2:6

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

(PRETTY SIMPLE, EH?)

How about a few concepts that perfectly illustrate this process and event in the Word?

John 10:1-18

Jesus gives an illustration where He says

1 He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

Then He goes on and says . . .

I am the door of the sheepfold.

And then He also says . . .

I am the Good Shepherd!

How is He the door that the Shepherd must go through and How is He the Shepherd too?

Listen! Listen!

He is the door by which you enter heaven and are saved. READ Chapter 10 PLEASE.

And once you have entered through the door, He THEN becomes the Shepherd to lead you through life on His terms – not your own.

This is what Christianity teaches, my friends!

Jesus gives salvation. Then Jesus teaches you to walk with Him.

Compare that to the breakfasts you've been eating.

How about one more, huh? Just one more.

Luke 15

All like Sheep have gone astray.

And what happens here? Jesus – the Good Shepherd – comes out and rescues us. We are not seeking, He is finding!

But then . . . but then . . . he gives the parable of the lost coin.

It didn't lose itself. It was lost in the

<p>Third question:</p>	<p>darkness of the world, in the corners of the fallen house.</p> <p>Tarnish would darken it forever if it wasn't found quickly.</p> <p>This is the fluctuating state we all find ourselves in as Christians. And here is where the edict to go after the lost is applied.</p>
<p>How do you know you are born-again?</p>	<p>(See book list) Duck example Spiritual signs “Miracle of the moment followed by the tasks of a lifetime.”</p>
<p>Can a Christian lose their salvation?</p>	<p>A new Christian – no. They are babes, and the grace of God has them. As they grow and mature, he gives them less milk and more meat.</p> <p>A Mature Christian – the Bible tends to say yes.</p> <p>HEBREWS 10:26-29</p> <p><i>For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,</i> <i>27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.</i> <i>28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:</i> <i>29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite</i></p>

	<i>unto the Spirit of grace?</i>
	<p style="text-align: right;">SUMMARY</p> <p>Jesus did in fact tell Nicodemus. You MUST be born again.</p> <p>I've given you plenty of basis to see that it is a viable request.</p> <p>The REAL question is: Are you?</p> <p>If you are not, go to the Lord in prayer. Confess yourself a sinner, ask for His forgiveness, ask Him to become Lord and Savior of your life, and tell Him you give all of your life to Him.</p> <p>You can do this in the privacy of your own home or with a pastor.</p> <p>You can call the show and I will pray with you. But no matter how you do it, if you are honest in your heart, He will be faithful not only to forgive you, but to forever be your Lord and King.</p>