

<p>LIVE! From the Mecca of Mormonism . . . SALT LAKE CITY!</p> <p>This is Heart of the Matter . . .</p>	<p>Show 48 Nauvoo IV December 4th 2007</p> <p>And I'm Shawn McCraney, your host.</p>
<p>STREAMING VIDEO</p>	
<p>IN-THE-HOUSE TONIGHT</p>	<p>??</p>
<p>SHOUT OUTS</p>	<p>Kyle, who I baptized Sunday in Kim's backyard Jacuzzi - I love you, my brother.</p> <p>Jesse - from the fitness center - great to meet you.</p> <p>Roy Murdock - a shout out and a prayer, my friend.</p> <p>Ron and Marie - thanks and God bless.</p>
<p>Last night in Logan, at the Maranatha Baptist Church on Main, we held our monthly Traveling Pastor in the Pub for the month of December.</p> <p>It was a wonderful event, attended by maybe 80 to 90 people and my heart-felt thanks to Maranatha Baptist Church of Logan for opening up the house for this meeting.</p>	

Had a great worship, discussion and topped it all off with a baptism.

Here's a short clip.

(Video Clip?)

Lucy - who was baptized, and her husband Corey and daughters and sons and grandsons are just the salt of the earth and I love them all with all my heart.

It was a great honor to baptize you, Lucy.

Now, speaking of open baptisms, January 2008 Traveling Pastor in the Pub will be in Salt Lake City.

Monday Night, January 7th with an open baptism following.

Stay tuned for details but know that ALL are invited.

I WAS A BORN-AGAIN MORMON

(Insert Shot)

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	<p>I would suggest to you that the book would make a wonderful gift to any seeking Latter-day Saint and any Christian interested in learning how to reach out to their LDS family and friends.</p>
<p>More Mormoniciousness . . .</p>	<p>Our Mormonicious Moment tonight comes from a call we received last week here on the show.</p> <p>The LDS caller claimed that salvation meant entering the celestial kingdom.</p> <p>Being saved, he promised, meant entering the celestial Kingdom – then he qualified his comment by stating that it was not exaltation in the celestial kingdom, but only an entrance into it.</p> <p>I called him duplicitous and challenged his clarity and directness.</p> <p>The reasons for my position are multi-fold.</p> <p>First, the Christian meaning of saved should be the LDS sense of exaltation.</p> <p>Or, when a Latter-day Saint says exaltation, they should equate it with the Christian sense of being saved.</p> <p>This doesn't happen due to the word games most Mormon apologists use.</p> <p>But even the LDS word games are not consistent and are in fact, a murky blend of inexactitudes.</p> <p>Let me explain why.</p>

On one hand, the caller last week was correct in the saying that all a Latter-day Saint needed to enter the celestial Kingdom was faith, repentance, baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

But listen to the attitude Joseph Fielding Smith has toward those who enter into the celestial kingdom only:

(READ QUOTE)

Now remember, a person must be BAPTIZED by the LDS to enter this celestial kingdom, as any other baptism is invalid and is the entrance into a lower kingdom.

But the inconsistencies continue on.

For Article of Faith _____ states:

We believe that all mankind may be saved by obedience to the Laws and Ordinances of the Gospel.

And the Laws and ordinances of the LDS gospel far exceed faith, repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

They include a veritable potpourri of other conditions and requirements. So in this sense, the caller was exceptionally misleading.

Also, the Book of Mormon teaches that people are “*saved by grace after all that they can do.*” Again, another inconsistency on the application of the term saved.

In the end, this Mormoniciousness leads to nothing more than the license to change

	<p>emphasis as needed and to undermine the simplicity and truth of salvation not by baptism, not by works, not by calling it a level below exaltation, but by grace through faith in Jesus alone.</p>
<p>Hey - a couple of other things.</p> <p>First, we're going to try and follow up on Mitt Romney's presentation of faith that he is coming out with this Thursday morning.</p> <p>Listen to what he says very carefully and see if he stands by his religion, or if he spins it to please the listening world.</p> <p>Also, when speaking in Logan last night, I made a statement I want to repeat here:</p> <p>In my opinion, the LORD is not going to change Mormonism until the Christian churches of Utah are prepared to handle the deluge.</p> <p>And the only way Utah Christians can be prepared to handle the fall of Josephite and Brighamite Mormonism is if they are trained and taught in the word of God.</p> <p>So let me make a bold statement:</p> <p>If you attend a Christian Church that isn't teaching the Word from the Word with the Word by the Word, go somewhere else. Or demand that your pastor drop his "big production approach to church," with its associated motivational messages, book</p>	

<p>reviews, and feel good theologies, And don't open that check book until you're properly fed.</p> <p>Because there is no way YOU are going to take root, thrive and grow without hearing the Word of God taught.</p> <p>And you need to be firmly grounded before you can help a Latter-day Saint understand God through Jesus.</p> <p>This state need revolution - and not just from within Mormonism.</p> <p>Finally, THIS THURSDAY EVENING, right here at the station, we are holding our first annual Christmas open house.</p> <p>Watch this ></p>	<p>(SHOW SPOT FOR OPEN HOUSE)</p> <p>And with that, let's have a word of prayer.</p>
<p>PRAYER PRAYER PRAYER</p>	
<p>With the increased growth and power of Nauvoo, Joseph's ambitions for power became more and more vocal.</p> <p>He began to see Nauvoo as the capital of international religion, as so stated in Doctrine and Covenants 133:7-9.</p>	

He reminded the members at their October conference that Zion (or Nauvoo) was to

“become the praise, the joy, and the glory of the whole earth.”

Funny, but the Bible tends to apply the appellations or praise and joy and glory to Jesus.

Joseph saw Nauvoo as the beginning of a world movement – of world infiltration and world domination.

THIS ATTITUDE REMAINS WITH THE LDS CHURCH LEADERS TODAY.

Joseph dictated a revealing proclamation to “all the KINGS of the world in the Spring of 1841, which said, in part

That the powers of the earth were to “give heed to the light and glory of zion,” that “the set time has come to favor her,” that “Nauvoo’s temple would “undoubtedly attract the attention of the great men of the earth.”

Joseph proclaimed:

“Awake, O kings of the earth! Come ye, O! Come ye with your gold and your silver to the help of my people!”

The arrogance, the lust of the eyes, the lusts of the flesh, the pride of life had set in.

Once obtaining the right to be Nauvoo's lieutenant general, Joseph began to prefer the title of "General" over that of president or prophet.

Speaking to the people of Nauvoo, Joseph said on one occasion:

(page 351-352 Brodie) "All power" paragraphs.

Now this is motivational stuff - but motivation by what and motivation to do what?

Certainly, the motivation is NOT the gospel of Jesus Christ!

For what does this gospel of our Savior tell us?

1st John 2:5 *But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he (meaning Jesus) walked.*

Philippians 3:3 *For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

Galatians 3:3 *Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?*

Galatians 4:9 *But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire*

<p><i>again to be in bondage?</i></p> <p>These final years of <i>Joseph unrestrained</i> are the years where Mormonism today has taken the most direction today.</p> <p>READ CARD QUOTE FROM BRODIE.</p>	
<p>We have spoken of a lot of things Joseph Smith Jr.'s introduced in the last four years in <i>Unrestrained Nauvoo</i>.</p> <p>But I would suggest that the most overriding characteristic Joseph passed on to the Church today, which truly culminated in these last four years of his life, was that of sheer unadulterated arrogance.</p> <p>When a supposed Prophet of God can make a statement like this</p> <p>(read Boast statement)</p> <p>And people follow him today, such a people cannot help but to also inherit his spirit of arrogance.</p> <p>How do I justify saying this?</p> <p>Allow _____ reasons.</p> <p>First, we've read direct quotes from the founding prophet's mouth.</p> <p>How about some arrogance from Brigham Young?</p> <p>(READ Brigham Young</p>	

QUOTES)

How about some arrogance from other leaders?

Gordon B Hinckley's comment on not worshipping the traditional Christ.

Book by apostle Russel M Nielson:
The Power within Us.
(with first chapter titled The Magnificence of Man)

OR

The Prophet Joseph Fielding Smith's
The Way to Perfection.

Where does all this come from?

Well let me show you here on the trusty white board.

Joseph taught that . . .

Matter

Adam and Eve

God

Salvation

Jesus

Man

All of it is based on MAN and MEN!

Our strength!
Our power within.
Our magnificence.

Which is a bunch of shitake
mushrooms.

And all of it leads to the same place,
the same attitude that Joseph had
throughout his life -

An attitude of superiority.
Arrogance.
Pride.

How could it not?

But what does the Bible say?

<p>Let's go to the phones:</p> <p>(801) 973-TV20 (801) 973-8820</p>	
<p>2 MINUTES LEFT</p> <p>Listen – this is an FYI for those men and women who qualify to hear it.</p> <p>It is year end and many people look for places to support ministries at this time of year.</p> <p>We seek your support in terms of prayers, volunteerism, and monetary contributions – but only if you qualify and are so inclined.</p> <p>To qualify to support Alathea Ministries financially, we would ask that you first contribute to your local congregation first, and that you believe God has moved you to assist our efforts in this area.</p> <p>If you are inclined to donate to Alathea ministries, you can do so by writing:</p> <p>Alathea Ministries, Inc 314 South Redwood Road SLC UT 84104</p>	<p>OR you can contribute online by going to www.bornagainmormon.com</p> <p>and looking under “support this ministry.”</p> <p>All donations are tax-deductable under the 501(c) 3 code of the IRS.</p> <p>Alright, got that out of the way.</p> <p>NOW . . .</p>

<p>Pastor in the Pub - TONIGHT! At Denny's on fifth South in downtown SLC.</p> <p>And remember, this Thursday night, right here on Redwood Road, from 7-9, our Christmas open house!</p>	