

Joseph Smith Curses

Present Day

LDS Leaders

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If any man preach any other Gospel than that which I have preached, he shall be cursed; and SOME OF YOU WHO NOW HEAR ME SHALL SEE IT, AND KNOW THAT I TESTIFY THE TRUTH CONCERNING THEM.

—JOSEPH SMITH

LDS Leaders teach: The Gospel changes with the times. **Joseph Smith taught:** "... we have sufficient grounds to go on and prove from the Bible that THE GOSPEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME; the ordinances to fulfill its requirements, THE SAME, and the officers to officiate, THE SAME; and the signs and fruits resulting from the promises, THE SAME." (TPJS 264)

LDS Leaders teach: The order of the house of God in 1963 is not necessarily the same as it was in 1836.

Joseph Smith taught: "The order of the house of God has been, and ever will be, the same, even after Christ comes; and after the termination of the thousand years it will be the same; and we shall finally enter into the celestial kingdom of God, and enjoy it forever." (TPJS 91)

LDS Leaders teach: Teachings of present authorities must be accepted in preference to the revelations of God.

Joseph Smith taught: "O ye Twelve! and all Saints! profit by this important Key — that in all your trials,

troubles, temptations, afflictions, bonds, imprisonments and death, see to it, that you do not betray heaven; that you do not betray Jesus Christ; that you do not betray the brethren; that you do not betray the revelations of God, whether in Bible, Book of Mormon, or Doctrine and Covenants, . . . lest innocent blood be found upon your skirts, and you go down to hell." (TPJS 156)

LDS Leaders teach: Church members must unconditionally trust, believe and obey their leaders.

Joseph Smith taught: "Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man, or maketh flesh his arm, or shall hearken unto the precepts of men, save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost." (2 Nephi 28:31)

LDS Leaders teach: In our day, it is easy, for the people to distinguish true prophets from false ones; because those sent of God hold prominent church offices and are honored, respected and loved by the world.

Joseph Smith taught: "The world always mistook false prophets for true ones, and those that were sent of God, they considered to be false prophets, and hence they killed, stoned, punished and imprisoned the true prophets, and these had to hide themselves 'in deserts and dens, and caves of the earth,' and though the most honorable men of the earth, they banished them from their society as vagabonds, whilst they cherished, honored and supported knaves, vagabonds, hypocrites, imposters, and the basest of men." (TPJS 206)

LDS Leaders teach: Members of the church are not required to keep the commandments of God that conflict with the law of the land.

Joseph Smith taught: "And now, verily I say unto you concerning the laws of the land, it is my will that my people should observe to do ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I COMMAND THEM." (DC 98:4)

LDS Leaders teach: Church officers have not claimed authority they did not hold and have not mis-represented the Lord in any way; therefore, the church is in no danger of being CUT OFF.

Joseph Smith taught: "For behold, verily I say, that many there be who are under this condemnation, who use the name of the Lord, and use it in vain, having not authority. Wherefore, let the church repent of their sins,

and I, the Lord, will own them; otherwise they shall be cut off." (DC 63:62-63)

LDS Leaders teach: The members of the Twelve Traveling Council hold ALL the keys.

Joseph Smith taught: ". . . there is never but ONE on the earth at a time on whom this power and the keys of this priesthood are conferred . . ." (DC 132:7)

LDS Leaders teach: The Twelve should ordain special assistants in place of the Seventy.

Joseph Smith taught: "It is the duty of the traveling high council to call upon the Seventy, when they need assistance, to fill the several calls for preaching and administering the gospel, INSTEAD OF ANY OTHERS." (DC 107:38)

LDS Leaders teach: It is the right and duty of the Twelve Traveling Council to regulate the affairs of all the Stakes of the church.

Joseph Smith taught: ". . . the Twelve will have NO RIGHT to go into Zion, or any of the stakes, and there undertake to regulate the affairs thereof, where there is a standing high council; but it is their duty to go ABROAD and regulate all matters relative to the different branches of the Church." (TPJS 74)

LDS Leaders teach: The decisions of either the presidency or the Twelve are never made in unrighteousness and from their decisions there is no appeal.

Joseph Smith taught: "And in case that any decision of these quorums is made in unrighteousness, it may be brought before a general assembly of the several quorums, which constitute the spiritual authorities of the church; otherwise there can be no appeal from their decision." (DC 107:32)

LDS Leaders teach: The 1890 Manifesto of Pres. Wilford Woodruff with his signature alone, was fully binding upon the people; because the President of the Church has authority to make decisions independent of his counselors — he has all authority.

Joseph Smith taught: "And every decision made by either of these quorums must be by the UNANIMOUS voice of the same; that is, every member in each quorum must be agreed to its decisions, in order to make their decisions of the same power or validity one with the other— . . .

Unless this is the case, their decisions are not entitled to the same blessings which the decisions of a quorum of three presidents were anciently, . . ." (DC 107:27, 29)

LDS Leaders teach: There is no danger that false apostles and prophets will be found in the leadership of the church.

Joseph Smith taught: "For it shall come to pass that the inhabitants of Zion shall judge all things pertaining to Zion. And liars and hypocrites shall be proved by them, and they who are not apostles and prophets shall be known. And even the bishop, who is a judge, and his counselors, if they are not faithful in their stewardships shall be condemned, and others shall be planted in their stead." (DC 64:38-40)

LDS Leaders teach: No presiding prophet can re-confer the authority of his prophetic office by appointing another in his stead. There is no such thing as a self-perpetuating office.

Joseph Smith taught: "But verily, verily, I say unto you, that none else shall be appointed unto this gift except it be through him; for if it be taken from him he shall not have power except to appoint another in his stead." (DC 43:4)

LDS Leaders teach: Missionaries are NOT to go WITHOUT "purse or scrip," but must be financed by parents or friends.

Joseph Smith taught: "Therefore, let no man among you, for this COMMANDMENT is unto ALL the faithful who are called of God in the Church unto the ministry, FROM THIS HOUR take purse or scrip, that goeth forth to proclaim this gospel of the kingdom." (DC 84:86)

LDS Leaders teach: Missionaries are to use memorized lessons.

Joseph Smith taught: "Neither take ye thought beforehand what ye shall say . . . it shall be given you in the very hour that portion that shall be meted unto every man." (DC 84:85)

LDS Leaders teach: Youthful Elders instead of Seventies, should compose the strength of the missionary force.

Joseph Smith taught: ". . . they (the elders) are ordained to be STANDING ministers to my church, saith the Lord." (DC 124:137)

"And these seventy are to be traveling ministers, unto the Gentiles first and also unto the Jews. Whereas other officers of the church, who belong not unto the twelve, neither to the Seventy, are not under the responsibility to travel among all nations, . . ." (DC 107:97-98)

LDS Leaders teach: The Bishopric should conduct the meetings, take the lead of them and confirm the church.

Joseph Smith taught: "The ELDERS are to conduct the meetings as they are led by the Holy Ghost, according to the commandments and revelations of God."

"And to confirm the church by the laying on of the hands, and the giving of the Holy Ghost; And to take the lead of ALL meetings." (DC 20:45, 43, 44)

LDS Leaders teach: The Bishop has authority over all the spiritual affairs of the ward.

Joseph Smith taught: ". . . the office of a bishop is in administering all TEMPORAL things." (DC 107:68)

LDS Leaders teach: The sacrifice of all earthly things in keeping with temple covenants is not necessary now.

Joseph Smith taught: "The sacrifice required of Abraham in the offering up of Isaac, shows that if a man would attain to the keys of the kingdom of an endless life; he must sacrifice all things." (TPJS 322)

LDS Leaders teach: Full tithe payers give one-tenth of their MONTHLY INCOME to the church; PROPERTIES are not required.

Joseph Smith taught: "O Lord, show unto thy servants how much THOU REQUIREST OF THE PROPERTIES OF THY PEOPLE for a tithing."

"Verily, thus saith the Lord, I require all their surplus property to be put into the hands of the bishop of my church in Zion, . . . And after that, those who have thus been tithed shall pay one-tenth of all their INTEREST ANNUALLY; . . . and shall observe this law, or they shall not be found worthy to abide among you." (DC 119)

LDS Leaders teach: The law of tithing is not a part of the law of consecration; it is a lesser law in effect only until the saints become stronger.

Joseph Smith taught: ". . . and this (tithing) shall be a standing law unto them forever, for my holy priesthood, saith the Lord." (DC 119:4)

"Behold, this is what the Lord requires of every man in

his stewardship, . . . And behold, none are exempt from this law who belong to the church of the living God." (DC 70:9-10)

LDS Leaders teach: The saints are not required to live the higher laws of the gospel; these laws have been revoked; nevertheless, the saints will still receive the higher blessings.

Joseph Smith taught: "I command and men obey not; I revoke and they receive NOT the blessing." (DC 58:32)

LDS Leaders teach: Do not consecrate your property but do your Genealogy.

Joseph Smith taught: "It is contrary to the will and commandment of God that those who receive not their inheritance by CONSECRATION, agreeable to his law, which he has given, that he may tithe his people, to prepare them against the day of vengeance and burning, should have their names enrolled with the people of God. NEITHER IS THEIR GENEALOGY TO BE KEPT, or to be had where it may be found on any of the records or history of the church." (DC 85:3-4)

LDS Leaders teach: It is not contrary to the law of God for leading men in the church to amass great fortunes.

Joseph Smith taught: "Therefore, if any man shall take of the abundance which I have made, and impart not his portion, (consecrate surpluses) according to the law of my gospel, unto the poor and the needy, he shall, with the wicked, lift up his eyes in hell, being in torment." (DC 104:18)

LDS Leaders teach: The United Order (God's economic system) is not necessary now.

Joseph Smith taught: ". . . I give unto you counsel, and a COMMANDMENT, concerning all the properties which belong to the order which I commanded to be organized and established, to be A UNITED ORDER, and an EVER-LASTING order for the benefit of my church, and for the salvation of men UNTIL I COME . . ." (DC 104:1)

LDS Leaders teach: The church will not be cut off for failure to be organized according to the law of God's economic government.

Joseph Smith taught: "For it must needs be that they be organized according to my laws; if otherwise, they will be cut off. (DC 51:2)

LDS Leaders teach: The House of God is in order and has no need of being set in order.

Joseph Smith taught: ". . . I, the Lord God, will send one mighty and strong, holding the scepter of power in his hand, . . . to SET IN ORDER THE HOUSE OF GOD," (DC 85:7)

LDS Leaders teach: Do not search into the mysteries of the gospel — let the mysteries alone.

Joseph Smith taught: "I advise all to go on to perfection, and search deeper and deeper into the mysteries of godliness." (TPJS 364)

LDS Leaders teach: The children of Zion may be weak and fail to be purified through obedience to all the gospel laws, but will never be in danger of being rejected.

Joseph Smith taught: ". . . if Zion will not purify herself, so as to be approved of in ALL things, in His sight, He will seek another people . . ." (TPJS 18)

LDS Leaders teach: The Mormon people will NOT be cursed for failing to gather because the laws of the priesthood are NOT predicated upon that principle.

Joseph Smith taught: "It was the design of the councils of heaven before the world was, that the principles and laws of the priesthood should be predicated upon the gathering of the people in every age of the world. Jesus did everything to gather the people, and they would not be gathered, and He therefore poured out curses upon them." (TPJS 308)

LDS Leaders teach: The saints can be saved in these last days without the gathering.

Joseph Smith taught: "In addition to all temporal blessings, there is NO OTHER WAY for the saints to be saved in these last days, (than by the gathering) . . ." (TPJS 183)

LDS Leaders teach: The saints will not be gathered in unto ONE place because this is not necessary to prepare them against a day of tribulation.

Joseph Smith taught: "Wherefore the decree hath gone forth from the Father that they shall be gathered IN UNTO ONE PLACE upon the face of this land, to prepare their hearts and be prepared in all things against the day when tribulation and desolation are sent forth upon the wicked." (DC 29:8)

LDS Leaders teach: The saints can escape the impending destructions without gathering out from among the gentiles.

Joseph Smith taught: ". . . God will gather out his saints from the Gentiles, and then comes desolation and destruction, and none can escape except the pure in heart who are gathered." (TPJS 71)

LDS Leaders teach: The LDS people are safe from destruction.

Joseph Smith taught: "Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth, a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of mourning, and of lamentation; . . . AND UPON MY HOUSE SHALL IT BEGIN, and from my house shall it go forth . . ." (DC 112:24-25)

LDS Leaders teach: The Lord's prophecies and the predictions of His Holy Prophets always hinge upon a number of related factors, and for this reason are not always fulfilled.

Joseph Smith taught: "What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same." (DC 1:38)

LDS Leaders teach: Zion need not obey all the higher laws of the gospel now — she will escape the judgments to come merely by carrying out the present program of the church.

Joseph Smith taught: "Nevertheless, Zion shall escape if she observe to do ALL things whatsoever I have commanded her. But if she observe NOT to do whatsoever I have commanded her, I will visit her according to all her works, with sore affliction, with pestilence, with plague, with sword, with vengeance, with devouring fire." (DC 97:25-26)

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