

# THE WAY OF HOLINESS

*A Christian Newsletter encouraging women to be strengthened in their walk with the Lord through Holiness. Isa. 35:8,9*

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## A Family Matter

Every thinking person surely agrees that God created all of mankind. Therefore, all have a right to lay claim to belonging to God. He quickens each one of us. He loves every soul ever born. He extends the opportunities of equal mercy and grace to all.

However, there are an infinite number of people who chose to think they were descended from an animal. By disagreeing with God, regarding their origin, they

have rejected His gracious offer to be not only their creator, but their Father, i.e., at least until they come to their senses and accept Jesus.

But what about those who do believe that they are creations of a divine being called God? Can all lay claim to being considered not just God's creation, but also His child ?

In this present age, when the world is seeking to be "one" there are many "Christians" denominations who carry the banner of the Ecumenical Movement crying that we are "all God's children." There are also many cults that insist that they are God's children. Why shouldn't all who choose, call God their Father? Parents know their own children. Even mixed with dozens of other children they can be recognized at a glance. Parents see themselves in their children.

They even have credentials proving that a certain child was born to them.

So also, God has set criteria in His Book of Truth to identify which of His creations have accepted His offer and may be called His child. God identifies His children easily. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, His children bear the family seal (Eph 1:13). Also, the blood of Christ is marked upon each of them (1 Peter 1:2). John 1:12 lays out the criteria for who may be accepted as God's child. We read, "but as many as received Him (*Jesus*), to them He gave power (*His authority*) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe (*trust in and rely upon Jesus*)." This is validated in Galatians 3:26 where the apostle Paul states, " For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." It could not be stated more plainly. Belief in the true God and His Son are required for those who desire to be a true child of God!

The Gospel of John makes it clear that there are actually *two spiritual families*. If one does not wish to be committed to God through Jesus, then Satan, by default, remains his father. In John 8:45 Jesus says, "and because (*although*) I tell you the truth, ye believe me not." (*Therefore*), Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father you will do," (John 8:44).

It is important today that Bible-believing Christians differentiate spiritual families. They must stand firm against regarding tolerance as an act of kindness. What does light have to do with darkness? When every brand of nominal Christian calling itself the "Children of God" is accepted as God's true family false unity occurs. When tolerance of error thrives, Truth dies. []

*"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed." II John 10:10.*

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## Watching Our Words

*"Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things out not so to be," (James 3:10).*

Words used by Christians give much insight into how aware they are of personal holiness. The goal of a Christian is to become more and more like Christ. That's why it is so amazing that many Christians use profanity. It's hard to imagine Jesus using any of today's popular expletives, yet they are commonly used by "church people" outside of church. If one were to think about the meanings behind these words, they would most likely not continue to use them.

The world mocks when Christians curse. Why give them an opportunity to make snide remarks like, "some Christian." Many who curse regularly have carried this habit from before salvation and have not taken holiness before the Lord seriously enough to give this habit to Jesus. Christians are supposed to be overcomers. That includes filthy conversation. Christians don't have the privilege of saying "can't" when they have the power of the Holy Spirit residing within them.

The Lord is coming for a church without spot or wrinkle. That is a church that has matured and cleaned itself up with the Lord's help (Phillip 4:13). Jesus is owed at least that.

It's so disappointing when leaders and TV personalities who name the name of Jesus also spew out profane expletives to make a point. How diminishing that is to the testimony they try to give of their Christianity.

Cursing is used to vent anger, frustration, or contempt –none of which should be present in a believer's heart. Examining the sin behind profanity can help to eliminate it. []

## Latter Day Saints (Mormons) Believe They Are God's Children

"Be imitators of God, therefore as dearly loved children" Ephesians 5:1

*The Book of Mormon, Another Testament of Jesus Christ*, teaches doctrine that in no way reflects true Christianity as taught by the Holy Bible. Mormons believe their scriptures were written by the hand of Mormon, an angel, who wrote them upon the plates of Nephi and were found in a cave by Joseph Smith in 1823. Christianity attributes the writing of the Holy Bible to the work of the Holy Spirit through anointed men. We must conclude, therefore, that Mormons, also known as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter - Day Saints, cannot qualify as God's children and deny the work of the Holy Spirit. Their only claim can be that they are children of Mormonism.

The following statements are excerpts from the official LDS.org website. The works based Mormon plan of salvation teaches and promises:

- "Latter-day Saints [proclaim that they] do reject the doctrines of the Trinity as taught by most Christian churches today."
- [That ] "all who will come unto [the Savior] and obey the laws and ordinances of his gospel may be saved."
- "Salvation will only come to those who are cleansed from all evil and filth."
- [Belief in] "Not only in the gospel of spiritual salvation, but also in the gospel of temporal salvation."
- [Includes] "Working for the salvation of our ancestors."
- "Moroni [the angle son of Mormon] begins the latter-day revelation of the doctrine of salvation for the dead."
- [That] "Men, by actively engaging in rites of salvation substitutionally, become instrumental in bringing multitudes of their [dead] kin into the kingdom of God."
- "Our belief in the principle of continuing revelation leading to an open scriptural canon."
- "There are three kingdoms of glory: the celestial kingdom, the terrestrial kingdom and the telestial kingdom."

- "Mormons are to set this goal-"Am I doing and living and acting each day as a candidate for highest degree of glory in the celestial kingdom."
- "Marriage is designed to enable us to create eternal family units of our own. Celestial marriage is a pivotal part of preparation for eternal life [and] will continue as spouses after death and receive the highest degree of celestial glory, or exaltation. There we can become perfected."

In contrast to the Mormon doctrines listed, true Bible Believing Christians hold that:

- Christians do believe in the Trinity and the sealing of salvation by the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus came to fulfill the law and that one can not be saved by keeping it.
- Only Jesus can clean away evil and filth and there is only one salvation.
- Christians are taught not to pray to the dead and that no one is saved after death.
- The Bible clearly says there are no marriages in heaven, nor does marriage play a part in salvation.

The list of doctrinal problems offered in this article is far from complete, but hopefully it will bring discernment regarding the discrepancies between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints and true Christianity. Mormons are now accepted by many Evangelicals, Roman Catholics, Baptists, etc., as brothers and sisters in Christ. []



Left, Joseph Smith Jr., Father of LDS/Mormonism. Born 1805. First church est. 1830. LDS' worldwide membership in 2009 was 13,824,854, nearly 14 million. He presided over the Church until June 27,1844, when he was martyred.



Glenn Beck left, is an avid Mormon leader who promotes ecumenism. He is a Radio/TV talk show host, politically conservative author and history buff. Please beware of his spiritual beliefs. He believes everyone serves the same God but in their own way. See more on Glenn Beck on pg. 6 []

*This article is a follow-up to Pastor Bob Hammond's exposé of Lady Gaga found on the Long Hill Baptist Church website. The article is titled, **What Does it Mean to Be a Fan of Lady Gaga?***



Left: A very modest picture of Lady Gaga.

Most of her pictures are quite pornographic.

To be forewarned as a parent is to be forearmed.

Photo: <http://rds.yahoo.com>

Ask yourself, should you as a Christian or your children be enjoying the entertainment of Lady Gaga and her ilk (Madonna, etc.)? Perhaps you would like to reconsider if you have invited the influence of these pop musicians into your life.

Time and Forbes magazines included Lady Gaga in their annual lists of the 100 most influential people in the world. Christians should be concerned that Lady Gaga attributes her early success to her enormous following of gays. She is a self-acclaimed bisexual/lesbian.

Lady Gaga's lyrics, like those of her peers, are abominable. Lady Gaga represents all that from which Jesus came to save us. Please heed 1 John 3:8, *"He that committeth sin is of the devil; the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."*

The music of Lady Gaga, et al. glorifies and encourages all manner of sin. This delights Satan and his minions. Though Heaven is no longer Satan's abode, he still retains the privilege of going before God's throne, for his work is not yet done. He has not yet been cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10). Today, as in the past, he functions in the role of accuser of the brethren. *"For the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them (the saved) before our God day and night,"* (Rev 12:10). Jesus, of course, is our advocate who rebukes Satan. *1 John 2:1, 2, assures us, "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins:"* Nonetheless, our sins have brought shame to the feet of Jesus as Satan accuses. If Satan, before God, would accuse Job of being too good, what must he have to say about us? (See Job 1:8-12)

Hear what God had to say to Ezekiel as he opened Ezekiel's eyes to the Israelites that worshiped Him with

hearts that were far from Him. In Ez 8:3, 6, 10, we read, *"The spirit lifted me (Ezekiel) up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem..."* *"Seest thou what they do? Even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here?"* *"So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about."*

Do your children have the pictures of rebellious pop stars hanging on their bedroom walls? Do they have their names scratched on their book covers? Are they attending their concerts with unsaved friends? Beware, your kids are on a slippery slope to rebellion which God likens to witchcraft.

In Ezekiel 8:12 we read, *"Then he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? For they say, the LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth..."* Pop stars tend to be pornographic. Their concerts are dark and eerie. What does God observe of Christians' behavior when they come out of His light into Satan's darkness? What imaginings does he behold in their minds that stir His wrath? God seems so remote when one is listening to Lady Gaga and that whole genre.

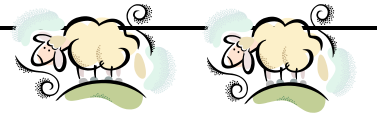
Next, In Ezek. 8:18, God shows Ezekiel, *"... twenty five men with their backs toward the temple of the LORD,...and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Hast thou seen this O son of man? Is it a light thing? How many of the lyrics of the rebellious crowd contain references to Eastern mysticism and New Age beliefs? How many of their songs call out to the sun, moon, earth, sky and stars? Should Christians be listening and singing along with such lyrics? Only if they choose to be rebellious towards God.*

In Ezek 8:17, we read, *"they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore, will I also deal in fury."* How many pop stars do you think engage idolatrous practices? How many have been arrested for violence? A Godly influence for Christians? Hardly! God is slow to anger. And He forgives the sins of the saved but the consequences of sin may be suffered in this lifetime.

**Why are Lady Gaga and all her kind considered as witchcraft? Because they are rebellious toward God. 1 Samuel 15:23 explicitly warns that "rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft."** Rebellion is a subtle, slippery slope into apostasy, i.e., turning your back on God without repentance and thereby developing a seared conscience.

Involvement with the abominations and idolatry of pop stars will harm a Christian's walk with Jesus. Is the Holy Spirit convicting you about your involvement with pop music? Permit me to encourage you to not resist the Spirit. The Bible warns of the possibility of allowing our conscience to be seared (1 Tim. 4:2). Rather than resisting the Spirit, let's repent of our involvement with pop music and walk in holiness with God. He wishes to bestow great blessings upon those who return to Him! []

## Sleep? What sleep?



*Insomnia is a sleep disorder that affects millions, and there are various astounding statistics about the insomnia effects. According to well-researched facts, about 55 percent and more adults face a problem with insomnia, and the number is growing every day. Among these adults, more than 93 percent agree that this disorder can affect the performance of their work the next day. In the West, more than 60 million individuals have insomnia. Women are also more prone to this sleep disorder than men. In the whole world, America has the largest number of insomniacs followed by Germany and United Kingdom.”<sup>1</sup>*

Without enough sleep, one can easily suffer from such symptoms as mood swings, irritability, weakness, lack of focus, slowness, lethargy and develop illnesses. Doctors correctly observe that sleep-

lessness can sometimes be the result of medical conditions. But, it is also a well-known fact that anxiety is a real trouble-maker when it comes to trying to get a good night sleep; there's little doubt that anxiety and insomnia are interrelated.

Many people with insomnia find help through a plethora of remedies (e.g. increasing calcium intake, changing bedtime rituals, eliminating afternoon napping, etc.). Myriads of sleeping tablets are also prescribed. Vitamins and herbal supplements such as St. John's Wart are said to offer some relief. Of course, un-biblical New Age meditation techniques such as yoga, transcendental meditation and visualization are also offered as remedies for sleeplessness.

Christians who experience sleeplessness should consider the possibility of a spiritual cause. Proverbs 3:24 promises Christians, “When thou

liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.”

Consider this: God's promises, for the most part, are conditional. God's promise of sweet sleep is conditional upon having a “good conscience toward God.”<sup>2</sup> That includes daily repentance of sin, daily thankfulness, praise and placing complete trust in Him. It includes putting on the whole armor of God and trusting that God is on our side. Then it is possible to find rest by allowing the LORD to fight our battles for us. We must remember that, in troubling situations, the enemy is Satan and his powers of darkness.<sup>5</sup> Jesus came to do away with the works of Satan.<sup>6</sup> Through Jesus we are granted the privilege of asking God to bind any demonic spirits that may be troubling us.<sup>7</sup> ,  
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## Sleep Continued

When you rely on God's protection you will be amazed at how quickly sweet sleep can return.

Anxiety and sleeplessness are most likely symptoms of unconfessed sin. In Psalm 77:4, the psalmist, Asaph, testified that his complaining spirit resulted in the LORD holding his eyes "waking." It was only after Asaph turned his attention away from himself and focused instead on the LORD's "doings" (v. 12) that he found comfort and rest. How often do we find ourselves in the same place as Asaph! "Ask God to show you if unconfessed "sin lieth at the door."<sup>8</sup> It could be jealousy, pride, or any number of offenses. The Holy Spirit will show you behaviors and fears that may be serving as open doors for demonic influence. The Holy Spirit will also help you to close those doors for "God hath not given us a spirit of fear; but of

power, and of love, and of a sound mind," (2 Tim 1:6). Simply confess the sin as the Holy Spirit brings conviction. Ask Him for the strength to genuinely forsake the sin that's causing anxiety and sleeplessness.

Sweet sleep is the privilege of those who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and who call upon Him for help. Psalm 91:5 promises that God will guard us by night as well as by day. "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;" (Psalm 91:50). He will quiet your anxieties and "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways," (Psalm 91:11). []

### ENDNOTES

<sup>1</sup> Insomnia Effects Shown In Statistics, Sarah Walker,. <http://enzymearticles.com/>

<sup>2</sup> 1 Peter 3:21 "an answer of a good conscience toward God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

<sup>3</sup> Eph 6:11, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

<sup>4</sup> Eph 6:13 "and having done all, to stand."

<sup>5</sup> Eph 6:12 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against rulers in darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places."

<sup>6</sup> 1 John 3:8 "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

<sup>7</sup> Isa 54:17 "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue [that] shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This [is] the inheritance of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness [is] of me, saith the Lord."

<sup>8</sup> Gen 4:5,6,7 "And the Lord said unto Cain, why art thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." []

#### A note from



Jackie Thorpe

I pray that some will be blessed by this article regarding sleeplessness. I can truly attest to the effectiveness of the advice it offers. About 5 months ago, I began to experience sleeplessness. I accepted it for a while as a worsening of my Parkinson's Disease. However, the racing, worrisome thoughts increased. I began to feel the cause was more spiritual than physical. The Lord revealed thoughts of self-pity as an open door, and upon my repentance He rebuked the harassing spirits. Now, I have sweet sleep. []

# Glenn Beck's False Christianity

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AN EX-MORMON'S WARNING ABOUT GLENN BECK'S FALSE CHRISTIANITY

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The following is excerpted from "Ed Decker Responds," WorldviewWeekend.com, August 21, 2010:

"Let's cut to the chase here. Glenn Beck is a dedicated Temple Mormon who claims that 80% of the Mormon faith is built around the temple and the 'Time and all eternity' effects of the rituals there-in. According to LDS scripture and sacred instructions worthy Mormons receive in the temple, the god Beck serves is a physical, exalted man who lives with a harem of goddess wives on a planet near the great star Kolob.

This god, Elohim, is the god of this one planet earth only. He is a man/god raised up from within this universe. The God of the Bible is the One who created the universes. The Bible says that he is not a man, there were no gods before Him, none beside Him or after Him, and He knows not any. This True God created all the heavens and was before all creation. He did not have to earn his godhood being obedient to some other god up the chain of command. Beyond that, As crazy as this may sound, understand that Glenn Beck learned all the secret/sacred signs, tokens and special handshakes he will need as he, hopefully, enters his own godhood, receives his own planet and goddess wives to help him populate it.

Yes, Glenn Beck strives to become a god, himself. The Jesus Beck serves, is not God come in the flesh. He is a separate 'god' who was elected to be our savior by a council of other gods. The Jesus of Mormonism is the spirit brother and equal of Lucifer until the council voted in Jesus. This Jesus died on the cross so all mankind would be resurrected to be judged for their works, their obedience to the laws and ordinances of the [LDS] Gospel."

"Ed Decker, founder of Saints Alive, was a Mormon for 20 years of his adult life. He was a member of the Melchizedek priesthood, a Temple Mormon and active in many church positions. Through a crisis in his life, Ed met the real Jesus and his life was changed forever."

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Glenn Beck's words should be carefully evaluated for departures from Biblical Christianity. For instance, he recently suggested that all Christians need to have a Rabi in their lives who will be able to clearly explain what the Old Testament is telling them. Yet, it is hard to imagine how a rabbi— one who doesn't believe in the cross-- could explain the types and shadows of the cross throughout the Old Testament.

In another statement, Beck suggested that man could govern himself successfully if man would simply choose to become more just, moral, patriotic and study history. The Bible is filled with examples of man's inability to successfully govern himself. Empire after empire, democracy after democracy has crumbled under man's ineptness. Nor has any civilization or nation ever achieved lasting morality or patriotism. Only Jesus can rule in peace and justice on earth. And He will during the Millennium.

Do not be fooled by Beck's conservative politics. He is the pied piper of ecumenism, gathering up unsuspecting Christians, grooming them, impacting their children and marching them toward the one world religion that will eventually serve the Antichrist. Please pray for Glenn Beck and others who have been deceived by Mormonism. []

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## Isaiah 35:8-9

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there."



## HOW CAN I BE SURE OF HEAVEN?

**By Pastor Bob Hammond**

1. Acknowledge to God that you have sinned against Him. The Bible says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23).
2. Realize that our sin separates us from God. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)
3. Understand that Christ died on the cross and paid for all our sins. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.." (Ephesians 2:8-9).
4. The Bible teaches that, in order to receive forgiveness of sins, we must repent and place our faith in Christ.

To repent is simply to make a conscious decision to turn away from sin and to turn toward Christ. The Bible says that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). God promises eternal life to those who trust in Jesus Christ *alone*. []