

Prayer List



Bdays/Anniv.



To Our Visitors



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—unwell lately
- ♦ Lisa Mashburn—back and neck pain
- ♦ Jim Ward—chemotherapy
- ♦ Brenda Ray—back pain

Others in Need

- ♦ Thomas Bush—11 yrs. old, cancer; unable to take chemo lately
- ♦ Jennifer Cook—cancer
- ♦ Tim Dixon—lymphoma; chemo
- ♦ Marie Johnson—kidney problems
- ♦ **Pray also** for those who have lost loved ones, government leaders, our military, alien sinners, erring brothers/sisters, the church at Baker and worldwide.

November

- ♦ William Riley, Nov. 5
- ♦ Candice Derrick, Nov. 6

December

- ♦ Richard Laux, Dec. 2

We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer to every Bible question (1 Peter 4:11).

Events



Privileged to Serve



♦ Nov. 22—

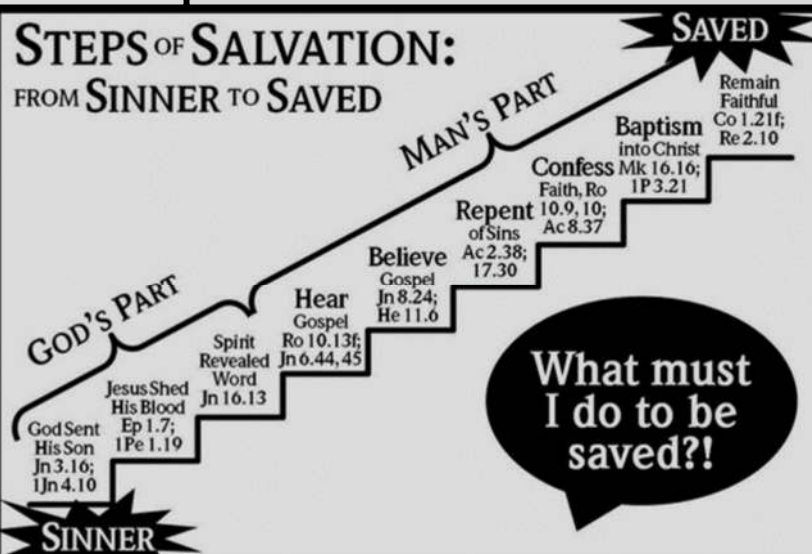
Fourth Wednesday Singing

Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—Caleb Howze (Wed.)
 David Howze (Sun.)
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Rick Laux,
 Josh Lawson, Andrew Mashburn
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Glenn Howze
 Helper: Caleb Howze
Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
(Romans 6:17).



"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 5:30PM Pew Packers
- 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

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Is the Book of Mormon From God? (Part 2)

Jason Hilburn

IT IS LITERALLY FULL OF ERRORS

Joseph Smith proudly boasted that the Book of Mormon was "the most accurate book on earth," yet some 3,913 errors have had to be corrected! (Conley 373). "There are literally thousands of grammatical errors in the original edition of the Book of Mormon, errors that have been gradually changed in later editions. These take the form of such things as double negatives, incorrect adverbs and adjectives, and especially incorrect tenses" (Williams 9). Here are a few examples: "I would cite your minds forward to the time when the Lord gave these commandments" (Alma 13:1; this error is still in recent editions!); "they did not fight against God no more" (Alma 23:7); "Adam and Eve, which was our first parents" (1 Nephi 5:11); "Behold, for none of those things I cannot hope" (2 Nephi 33:9). Joseph Smith even made up his own words, such as "preparator" (for preparer, 1 Nephi 15:35, still found in later versions); "arriven" (for arrived, Alma 20:30); "numerority" (for a vast number, Alma 56:10);

“enormity” (for a vast number, Alma 52:5); and “cimeter” (for sword, Enos 1:20). Not only did the Book of Mormon contain fabricated words, it also had common words misspelled, such as “bellowses” (for bellows, 1 Nephi 17:11); “phrensied” (for frenzied, Alma 30:16); “eatheth” (for eateth, 3 Nephi 20:8); “tempels” (for temples, Alma 16:13), etc.

Perhaps one might try to explain away such errors as those mentioned above by saying that Joseph Smith was not given the actual words to record, but merely the ideas, which he had to translate into English. However, that is not what Joseph Smith and the early “witnesses” of the plates claimed! They claimed that the actual process of translation was overseen and guided by God: “the plates...have been translated by the gift and power of God” (Smith, Book of Mormon). As a matter of fact, the Mormons have stated that EVERY LETTER OF EVERY WORD was revealed to Smith, and the words had to be copied down correctly before the next part of the text would even be revealed by God! David Whitmer, one of the original “three witnesses,” stated the following:

Joseph Smith would put the seer stone into a hat, and put his face in the hat, drawing it closely around his face to exclude the light; and in the darkness the spiritual light would shine. A piece of something resembling a parchment would appear, and on that appeared the writing. **One character at a time would appear and under it was the interpretation in English.** Brother Joseph would read off the English to Oliver Cowdery, who was his principal scribe, and when it was written down and repeated to brother Joseph to see if it was correct, then it would disappear, and another character with the interpretation would appear (12).

Martin Harris, another of the three witnesses, wrote, “The translation of the characters appeared on the Urim and Thummim, sentence by sentence, and as soon as one was **correctly translated** the next appeared” (Harris 91). Mormon historian Brigham H. Roberts wrote that “the interpretation...was reflected in the

sacred instrument, there to remain **until correctly written** by the scribe” (Roberts 114). Joseph Smith stated that “the translation of them (the plates – JPH) which you have seen is correct” (Smith, History 54-55). The Mormons claim that the Book of Mormon is from God, and the actual letter by letter translation was overseen by God Himself, but how can anyone believe that God would have made even one mistake, let alone thousands of mistakes?

IT REFUTES ITS OWN CLAIMS OF INSPIRATION

The very characters of Smith’s fanciful story admit that the book is not inspired by God! In the first chapter of the Book of Mormon, Nephi says the following about his writing: “...I make it with mine own hand; and I make it according to **my knowledge**” (1 Nephi 1:3). Later, Nephi writes, “Nevertheless, I do not write anything upon plates save it be that **I think** it be sacred. And now, **if I do err**, even did they err of old...” (1 Nephi 19:3-10). “...I have written according to the best of my knowledge...” (Jacob 7:26). “And now it came to pass, **if there was no mistake made by this man** in the reckoning of time...” (3 Nephi 8:2). Perhaps this admission is the most surprising: “And whoso receiveth this record, and shall not condemn it because of **the imperfections which are in it**, the same shall know of greater things than these...” (Mormon 8:12). It is evident that Joseph Smith anticipated that his errors would be quickly detected!

IT HAS NO HISTORICAL OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL VALUE

Regarding the Bible, the late Nelson Glueck, a famous archaeologist, said, “It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements in the Bible” (Glueck 31). However, the same cannot be said about the Book of Mormon. “It records hundreds of people and places that have never been authenticated! In fact, when questioned about its historical and archaeological reliability, major institutions such as the Smithsonian institute have clearly said that it has **none**” (Williams 29).

To be continued next week, if God wills...