

## Witnessing to Mormons

### THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

"...the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else."  
(Deuteronomy 4:39)

"... for I am God, and not man;..." (Hosea 11:9)

"For I am the LORD, I change not;..." (Malachi 3:6)

"Therefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee..." (II Samuel 7:22)

"For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone." (Psalms 86:10)

"I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me:..." (Isaiah 45:5)

### MISSIONARIES AT YOUR DOOR

Missionaries: (Knock, Knock) Hello, we represent the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We would like to tell you about a wonderful program for families called "Family Home Evening." May we come in for a few minutes?

Christian: Just a minute, let me get my Bible. (Christian leaves the door and returns with a Bible.) Perhaps you could answer a question for me - Is Mormonism based on the Bible?

Missionary: Oh yes! The Bible is one of our standard works. (The other three are: *The Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price.*)

Christian: I understand Mormonism teaches, "AS MAN IS, GOD ONCE WAS, AS GOD IS, MAN MAY BECOME." Is this true?

Missionary: Yes, we teach that.

Christian: In other words, God wasn't always God, there was a time when he was just a man, and he progressed to become God. Is this true?

Missionary: (Reluctantly) Yes, this is Mormon doctrine.

Christian: (Handing his Bible to the missionary) Would you please read Psalms 90 verse 2 and tell me how this verse fits Mormon doctrine?

Missionary: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." Well . . . Uh . . . I'm not sure.

Christian: According to this verse, how long will God be God?

Missionary: To everlasting.

Christian: According to this verse, how long has God been God?

Missionary: Uh.. Well... it says from everlasting.

The question in every Mormon's mind is "Am I worthy enough?" The best thing to do is to reinforce that doubt. Show them that by their own efforts, they are not even close to being worthy to stand before a holy God. This is the essence of the Christian gospel, the bad news that has to precede the good news. Show them from the Scriptures that all their "righteous acts are like filthy rags" ([Isaiah 64:6](#)), that "no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law" ([Romans 3:20](#)), and that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" ([Romans 3:23](#)). If the Mormon will admit to these truths, he/she should be open for the good news of the true gospel of Jesus Christ, that real righteousness only comes at the cross, where God exchanged our sin for the righteousness of Christ ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)). No other righteousness can stand before God on Judgment Day. Once a Mormon, or anyone else for that matter, admits these truths, he/she is well on the way to understanding true salvation.

### **The Language barrier:**

An example of the language barrier: a Mormon will say: "I believe in God the eternal Father and in His Son Jesus Christ and in the Holy Ghost." What is wrong with this statement? It sounds good on the surface. We need to cut through the language barrier that is there. How can we do this?

There are three questions that we can use when holding a conversation concerning Mormon beliefs. These questions are good for any debate or witnessing encounter and help us 1. to get past the language barrier or surface meaning of words and 2. show the Mormon that his beliefs are not Biblical and that he can have no assurance or confidence in the finite Mormon deity and 3. also show the Mormon that he can have no confidence in the area of knowledge.

### **The Three Questions:**

#### **1. What do you mean?**

This question forces the Mormon to define their terminology and gets beyond surface similarity.

#### **2. How do you know that?**

This forces them to give reasons for their definitions. Are they parroting things that they heard? Are their definitions Biblical?

#### **3. So what are the implications of this?**

This question forces them to look at their belief system and where it leads.

Before you go, I would like to tell you what Jesus Christ has done in my life. I have received his free gift of eternal life, based on the finished work at the cross. According to Ephesians 2:8,9, "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." I base my eternal destiny on the trustworthy word of God, the Bible. Also, I would like to give you these two tracts. You may think they are anti-Mormon, but the only quotes in them are statements from your own prophets and apostles, or the Bible. If you think they are in error, please come back and show me EXACTLY what is in error. I love both of you, and want you to know my Jesus.