

NORTHEAST HOUSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sermon Notes - Mormonism Compared to What We Believe Pt 3 - The Litmus Test
Topic: The Litmus Test
Scripture Text: Hebrews 10:5–10
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“I owed a debt that I could not pay, but Christ paid a debt that He did not owe”

Hebrews 10:5–10 (NKJV) ⁵ Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “*Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.*” ⁶ *In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.* ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— *In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.*’” ⁸ Previously saying, “*Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them*” (which are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He said, “*Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.*” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. ¹⁰ **By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

WHAT DO THE LDS THINK ABOUT THE BIBLE?

What They Say:

The LDS Church reveres the Bible as the word of God, a sacred volume of scripture. Latter-day Saints cherish its teachings and engage in a lifelong study of its divine wisdom. The Book of Mormon does not dilute nor diminish nor deemphasize the Bible. On the contrary, it expands, extends, and exalts it.”

What They Believe:

The Bible has many errors, changes, and omissions and must be understood using the Mormon scriptures as explained by the LDS Church’s prophets.

LDS believe that the Bible is incomplete therefore it is supplemented by three other books. The Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price. (*Gospel Principles* [2009], 45, 46).

WHAT DO the LDS (MORMONS) BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

What They Say:

God is our Heavenly Father because He is the Father of all human spirits and they are created in His image (see Genesis 1:27).

They do not believe in the trinity as taught by most Christian religions.

<https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/mormonism-101#C2>

What They Believe:

LDS believe that the God of the Bible was first born a spirit child of other gods and one of his goddess wives. He was named Eloheim. Later he was born to human parents and was given a human body. Proving his worth, he was elevated to becoming a god. Eloheim and his wives had endless spirit children who later became human beings populating the earth with the prospect of becoming gods like Eloheim.

Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1amLAbuTQ>

(*History of the Church*, Vol. 6, Ch. 14, p. 305-6).

<http://www.utlm.org/onlineresources/ldsviewcontradicts bible.htm>

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THE LITMUS TEST

WHAT DO THEY THINK ABOUT JESUS?

What They Say:

Jesus Christ is central to the LDS, which bears His name. Members of the Church believe Jesus is the Son of God, the Only Begotten Son in the flesh (*John 3:16*).

What They Believe:

The Heavenly Father, himself an immortal, physical man, “sired” the physical body of Jesus Christ through his mortal mother Mary so that Jesus became his literal, only-begotten Son in the flesh when he was born on earth.

He was not the son of Joseph, nor was He begotten by the Holy Ghost. He is the Son of the Eternal Father!” (Ezra Taft Benson, “Five Marks of the Divinity of Jesus Christ,” *Ensign*, Dec. 2001).

<https://www.lds.org/new-era/1980/12/five-marks-of-the-divinity-of-jesus-christ?lang=eng>

LDS believe that **Jesus and Lucifer were Spirit brothers (Angels)**

But both the scriptures and the prophets affirm that Jesus Christ and Lucifer are indeed offspring of our Heavenly Father and, therefore, **spirit brothers**. (See *Isa. 14:12*; *D&C 76:25–27*.)

Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLAmLAbuTQ>

Now we heard about their God and their Jesus, let me tell you about our God and our Jesus.

- What I believe is based on the rock-solid foundation of the Word of God, Jesus. (*Revelation 19:13*).
- That is where we all must begin, if we do not believe that the Word of God is complete, correct and corroborated throughout, then we will be vulnerable to false doctrine.
- The Bible was written by 40 different authors spanning a period of over 1600 years. It needs no additions, Expansions or supplements claiming to be additional revelations or word of God.
- *Memory verse: 2 John 9–11 (NKJV)* ⁹ *Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.* ¹⁰ *If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him:* ¹¹ *for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds*
- That’s what I believe about the Bible.

ABOUT GOD

- Now because I base my belief and faith solely on the word of God I believe that there is only one God. The Lord God ALMIGHTY!!
- There are at least 28 Bible passages that verify this.
Isaiah 43:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ *“You are My witnesses,” says the LORD, “And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.*

Isaiah 46:9 — *For I am God, and **there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me.***

Deuteronomy 4:35,39, Deuteronomy 32:39, 2 Samuel 7:22, Psalm 86:10, Isaiah 44:6,8, James 2: 19. and more.

<http://mit.irr.org/28-biblical-passages-which-explicitly-teach-there-only-one-god>.

Now if your faith rest on and in the Word of God, this makes what the LDS believe to be a lie.

ABOUT JESUS

- He was not begotten by our heavenly father in physical form but through the work of the Holy Spirit.
- *Luke 1:35 (NKJV)* ³⁵ *And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. (Hebrews 10:5)*

- Jesus is the Son of God not an angel like lucifer was. *Hebrews 1:5*
- Jesus did not go through an evolving cycle from Spirit to human and back to Spirit. Just as God, He changes not.
Malachi 3:6 (NKJV) ⁶ "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. (Hebrews 13:8–9)
- There are no more sacrifices to be made. There is no work we can do to have salvation. If any doctrine tells you that you must do something else then they are saying that what Christ did was not enough. I tell you that **Jesus paid it all.**

Message Scriptures: **Hebrews 10:5–10**, *Acts 20:25–30*, *2 John 9–11*, *Isaiah 43:10*, *Isaiah 44:6*, *James 2:19*, *Luke 1:35*, *Hebrews 10:5*, *Hebrews 1:5*, *Malachi 3:6*, *Hebrews 13:8–9*, *2 Peter 3:9*

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The Persecution of the Mormons

<http://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bria-17-1-b-the-persecution-of-the-mormons>

50+ Practicing Mormon Celebrities

https://www.ranker.com/list/practicing-mormon-celebrities/celebrity-lists?ref=collections_btm&l=1756197&collectionId=1125

26 Celebrities who left the Mormon Church

https://www.ranker.com/list/ex-mormon-celebrities/celebrity-lists?ref=collections_btm&l=1756194&collectionId=1125

Mormonism 101: What is Mormonism?

<https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/mormonism-101>

Introduction at The Front of The Book of Mormon.

<https://www.lds.org/scriptures/dc-testament/introduction.html?lang=eng>

Video – The complete Restoration of Jesus Christ’s original Church on earth.

<https://www.lds.org/languages/eng/content/video/mormon-beliefs/2015-01-1030-jesus-christs-church>

God’s Wife

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2011/jul/06/gods-wife-heavenly-mother-mormon-church>

LDS contradict the bible

<http://www.utlm.org/onlineresources/ldsviewcontradicts bible.htm>

Mormon Secrets: What the Missionaries Don't Tell - YouTube (4:24 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VKT4hrBTuk>

This one is hard to believe

Banned Mormon Cartoon (8:41)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riamLAbuTQ>

There is only one God

<http://mit.irr.org/28-biblical-passages-which-explicitly-teach-there-only-one-god>

Temple of the Godmakers (25 Min)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebD0cop_a3U

God's wife, the mysterious mother of Mormons

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2011/jul/06/gods-wife-heavenly-mother-mormon-church>

Mormons in Transition

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What Do They Believe About Salvation and Eternal Life?

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They will be like God

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Racism and Priesthood: Led Astray for 100 Years

<https://mit.irr.org/mormon-church-disavows-previous-teachings-on-blacks-and-priesthood>

Banned Mormon Cartoon - EXTENDED VERSION

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