

Celestial Family and Marriage Laws Revealed in the Second Book of Commandments

Prepared By
The School of the Prophets

Preface Section March 30, 1965

... 7 Behold, have I not said [D&C 132:44] concerning those whose spouses have committed adultery and who have been true and faithful, that they shall be given to him that hath not committed adultery, but hath been faithful? For thus it is decreed that the faithful be made ruler over many.

8 Behold I say unto you, do ye do this? I say unto you nay; and many other things ye do not that I have commanded, supposing that they are not now necessary.

9 But I say unto you, that this is My law so that the innocent may not suffer, for a man by nature will take care of his own, but hesitates to take care of that which to him does not belong.

...

Section 1 February or March, 1961

Thus saith the Lord God: Not until the church again lives the New and Everlasting Covenant as revealed to them in plainness by My servant the Prophet Joseph Smith, and verified from time to time by others of My holy prophets, will I instruct and guide this church with further enlightenment.

2 For if ye will not receive the word ye have, what profit will it be if I reveal more to you? For you will treat it as naught and trample it under your feet.

3 Repent therefore, both the sheep and the shepherd, and I will reveal more of the mysteries of My kingdom, for I will give here a little and there a little, line upon line, and precept upon precept, if ye will have it, until you have all truth and are able to stand in My presence.

...

Section 5 September 16, 1961

Thus saith the LORD: As I have commanded before, I will command again, that unless the

people of My church live the New and Everlasting Covenant of Marriage as I have commanded them in My book the *Doctrine and Covenants*, even in its fullness, they cannot enter into the land of their inheritance, even Independence, Missouri, and the regions round about.

2 This I have commanded many times, but ye have not yet repented of this sin which ye have committed, and ye have been damned, even that your eternal progress has been stopped.

3 And for this reason I have not given unto you further revelation, for ye were not able to stand even that which ye had.

4 For I am a just God, and I give here a little, and there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept, until ye have all My words and are able to stand in My presence.

5 Nevertheless, it was expedient for a time that ye should refrain from entering into this covenant that the church be not overthrown by its enemies.

6 Yea, but now Mine enemies, and also your enemies shall have no more power over thee, for they shall be confused, and their arms shall be raised in contention with their brethren, even that they will contend one with another unto their final destruction.

...

Section 14 January 17, 1963

... 7 Behold I say unto you, because My church has not lived this commandment and have feared men rather than their God, behold I say unto you, they have been damned, even that I have given unto them no further enlightenment, for they trample that which they have under their feet, esteeming the wisdom of men as more worth than the wisdom of their God, saying boldly that God no longer requires this of them, for they seek the praise of the world, and are ashamed of the holy covenants of God.

8 And it was because of their fear and much complaining that the fullness of the gospel, even the New and Everlasting Covenant in its fullness was taken from among them.

9 Therefore, I command the leaders of My church to exercise the authority they have in

them, even the sealing powers, to bind on earth as in heaven, even in their fullness.

10 Even then shall I again speak to them face to face and My curse shall be taken from them, for by My word I am bound.

...

Section 24 February 11, 1975

... 14 For I have commanded you in the revelations I gave unto you through My servant Joseph Smith that if a husband committeth adultery after he and his wife have been sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise and he lieth with someone who hath been sealed to another, he hath lost his Priesthood and the covenants he has entered into are null and void, for he hath broken them.

15 And the woman who is innocent and her children are therefore free, for the law is no more binding on them.

16 And have I not commanded thee to take her and give her unto him that hath not committed adultery but hath been faithful? For he shall be made ruler over many.

17 But ye have not done this, but have set aside this commandment like as if it never was, for ye understand not the sin ye cause to be committed by not keeping this commandment, for if she stay with her husband he shall raise up children like unto himself, and he hath no Priesthood for he hath lost it through sin; and if ye cut not this man off from My church ye cause My church to be polluted.

18 And if ye give not this woman unto a righteous man ye cause her to go away and seek after another to sustain her, and thus she is led unto temptation and strange flesh.

19 And ye cause her children to grow up like unto the children of the world.

20 And because ye keep not this commandment ye cause the innocent to sin, and My whole church has become polluted with false tradition and beliefs concerning this thing.

...

31 Do ye take your brother's widow to wife to raise up a righteous generation unto him? I say unto you that ye do not! Ye do not this, not because the law forbids you to do it, for I have

caused that the laws of this land in these matters are of none effect and neither can they bind thee, but ye keep not these commandments because ye want to appear before the world as righteous and honorable men.

32 And ye cast them from you, those that would seek to keep this law, for that which was once sacred in My house has become as dung.

33 O how foolish are the laws of men that cause the innocent to sin, and how wise are the laws of God that bring salvation and exaltation to the poor and innocent.

34 Among Mine ancient covenant people I caused that those who would not keep this law should be cast from the congregation that they could no longer stand in the place of honor, neither could they hold office in My Priesthood if they kept not this law.

35 I say unto you, this law I revoke not and never can revoke, for I am a just God and honor the widow and the orphan and the destitute.

36 For ye cause these widows of Mine honorable servants to seek after strangers for the continuance of their posterity, and My Spirit grieveth much over this thing.

...

47 And they distort My word and My commandments and change them to conform to their own liking, to please their sensual desires, for they care not for the widow and the orphan, and build not unto their brother branches, but build up their own estates.

...

126 And all those who will not take unto themselves their dead brother's wives, to raise up unto them a righteous generation, ye shall not cause to be fellowshipped among you.

...

Section 26 October 29, 1978

... 50 For no one can enter Eternal Lives unless they live all My laws and commandments, and do even the works of Abraham, Mine ancient servant.

51 For how can they be in the bosom of Abraham if they heed not My laws?

...

Section 28 About 1974

... 6 For when I called men by the hand of My servant John Taylor, they were instructed only to preserve My doctrine of the New and Everlasting Covenant of Marriage; and they were expressly forbidden to set up any form of organization.

7 And as the church as a whole had rejected this doctrine, it was up to each holder of the Priesthood to set his own house in order as the revelation I gave unto My servant John Taylor asserts.

8 Then a man, after he had received his ordination and covenants by the hands of the church, could come to these men that were set aside for this purpose and receive wives unto themselves as is commanded in My book the *Doctrine and Covenants* of the church.

9 And this was the case until the original men who were given this power were taken.

10 Then came those of vain ambition who sought their own counsel and set up their own organization, bringing with it much false doctrine and corruption.

11 Behold, I say unto thee that unless they repent they shall not find an inheritance in My kingdom.

12 For I say unto you that ye cannot organize yourselves into wards nor anything like unto them, for this is one of the functions of My church, for this authority remains within My church, and ye are not called to do this, but have been set aside to preserve the Patriarchal Order of Marriage and the Law of Abraham.

13 And if ye do this, setting your own house in order, ye shall be preserved and prepared when My house shall be cleansed.

14 Thus saith the LORD unto My people, which if they obey they shall be blessed, and if they keep not, My judgments shall come upon them at a time they think not.

15 Neither do ye have authority to collect tithes, for ye have not been given this commission, for this has been given to the bishops of My church, and all others who collect tithes in My name shall be cursed, saith the LORD.

16 And many have sought to use this power for their own profit; behold, I say unto thee that this is priestcraft, and whoso profiteth from this in this manner shall be damned.

17 Beware lest ye be deceived. Hearken unto My

voice which I give unto thee through My servant, for there is none other voice that speaketh the truth, for all have gone astray and out of the path.

18 And if ye receive chastisements, it is because of My love for you, for I do love thee greatly for thy righteous desires.

...

Section 30 About 1975

... 2 Behold as I said before, there were many great ones on this earth where I dwelt who kept the law of Celestial Marriage, but did not follow in the steps of Abraham who lived all of My commandments.

3 They therefore had the right to raise up spiritual children because they were worthy, but they can never be Gods, worlds without end.

4 No man can become an Adam unless he has lived this law.

5 Only a few have attained to this stature in this life, and have been sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise.

...

Section 35 March 13-17, 1979

... 10 Behold I say unto you, ye have been chosen for a great work, for the proper order of family must needs be restored.

11 For this is the beginning of the setting in order of My house, for without this order in My house there is no power, and ye will not be able to accomplish My commandment to raise up a righteous generation unto Me.

12 For no man can both serve Me and the woman, for the woman will place upon men impossible burdens that taketh away his honor and Priesthood.

13 Therefore he must free himself from the dictates of the woman and be subject unto Me, saith the LORD.

14 And the woman must be subject unto the man even as the man is subject unto Me.

15 And the children must be subject unto the woman even as she is subject unto the man, that there be order in My house saith the LORD.

16 And even as I show great lovingkindness unto

the man and lead him into paths of righteousness, chastising at times when he doth err and then showing great mercy at his strivings and repentance, even so must a man do likewise with his wife, showing great mercy and love for her at all times, teaching her with kindness and forgiveness.

17 Likewise must the wife teach the children the gospel at an early age, that by the time they are eight years old they will comprehend fully the responsibility.

...

Section 42 June 26, 1979

... 11 For a man cannot receive a wife under the New and Everlasting Covenant of Marriage except it be by revelation.

12 Behold I say unto you, there is no other way.

13 In order for you to have a more clear comprehension of this ye must study all that has been revealed unto the children of men concerning this matter.

14 For there has been much written even in the *Bible* and in the book called *The Peace Maker*, and also in the *Doctrine and Covenants* and *The Second Book of Commandments*.

15 Nevertheless, there is much concerning this law that I cannot reveal unto the children of men at this time, and until Zion is established cannot be implemented.

16 These laws I reveal unto a few, and this individually by revelation to those who set their house in order and obey all the commandments already revealed to the children of men.

...

Section 46 September 1979

... 13 For the laws that I gave unto Mine ancient covenant people must be re-established among My people that law and order prevail, especially concerning the law of marriage.

14 For none obey this law in its purity, for even those who have stepped forth to accept My gospel in its fullness do err; and none doeth right in this matter, except those who seek revelation concerning this as My servant William and maidservant Opal have done.

15 And this must be the case in all marriage covenants, otherwise they are not of Me.

16 In this, many mistake desire for revelation and say, "Because I have a great desire for this person, it must needs be that it is of God."

17 I say unto you, that this is a great folly and is ridiculous unto Me, for a woman hath a right for a sign and a witness as to whom she is to marry, if she is otherwise living My commandments.

18 And all those who enter this work and repent and humble themselves before Me will come before Me and seek My will concerning this matter, whether they be married or not.

19 For many are now married to those to whom they do not belong, for they have married according to the customs of men and of Babylon, and they know no other law.

20 And My servant Joseph Smith tried to rectify this law, and for this reason he was martyred.

21 And I command My Servant that he take up where My servant Joseph left off.

22 For he set in order many things, but it was for his efforts to set this law in order that he was martyred, for many who were taught the truth of this doctrine fell away at that time and were the ones who sought his life, and put him to death.

23 Behold, who will stand this setting in order? Only Mine elect, saith the LORD.

24 But unless My house is set in order, it cannot stand. For how can ye stand in proper order in My house if each man hath strange women unto him?

25 And thus it means, "strange women", if a man marry a maid and she not be given unto him by revelation.

26 My servant Solomon did this, for he took wives as he desired and some he took unto himself without revelation and the confirmation of My holy prophets. And thus he was led astray into forbidden paths.

27 And ye have not studied diligently My book, *The Peace Maker*, for it was given unto My servant by revelation and must be heeded to understand the principle fully.

28 And I command My servant Joseph to seek all that pertains to this matter and compile a manuscript so that this doctrine be taught in its purity in the School of the Prophets.

29 For there is much confusion among the

people concerning this matter.

30 Yet there are a few who, because of their righteousness, have sought revelation concerning whom they should marry, and because of their righteousness they have made the right choice.

...

Section 48 October 13, 1979

... 12 And I say unto My servant Joseph, that he hath been called to compile a work pertaining to the marriage covenant.

13 For without the setting in order of this law, Zion cannot be established upon My footstool.

14 And inasmuch as wicked men have caused many changes in Holy Writ concerning this doctrine and have interloped many of their own ideas and thoughts concerning these matters, and have established these thoughts and ideas as My word through the prophets, behold I say unto you, there is much confusion among the children of men concerning this matter.

15 And there are none that knoweth the truth, no not one, for they cling to that which is of Babylon.

16 For of all the laws that have been given unto the children of men, this law they have corrupted the most.

17 And Mine anger is kindled because of the stiffneckedness of My people in this matter. For at the time of My servant Joseph Smith, he taught many true doctrines and they accepted them with gladness, but when he endeavored to set this law in order, they became angered and accused him of all manner of evil, and sought his life and took him and slew him, thinking they had done God a favor.

18 And only a few were able to stand at that time.

19 And unto My servant Joseph, I give unto him a promise that, if he be diligent in performing this commandment, I will bless him with My Spirit that he will be able to discern in My holy Scriptures that which be the truth and that which hath been interloped by man concerning this doctrine.

20 And if he humbleth himself and calleth upon Me in mighty prayer, having faith in Christ, behold I will reveal unto him these laws

concerning the laws of marriage that hath been taken from My holy Scriptures, that they be restored unto the children of men in their purity.

21 Nevertheless, he shall show none of these laws unto the children of men except it be revealed unto him.

22 For these laws are not unto the wicked or infidel, but unto Mine elect only.

...

38 And after a woman hath thus received a sign and witness which hath been confirmed by My holy Priesthood and makes a covenant with this man, and afterwards repents of this covenant and follows again after the ways of the world, unless she desires a bill of divorcement, a man cannot release her, for she is his and belongeth unto him.

39 And any man that lieth with her committeth adultery and if he holdeth the Priesthood, it shall be taken from him and he shall die in his sins and be cast from the congregation that he pollute not My kingdom.

...

SECTION 49 November, 1979

Behold I say unto you My son, that which the world considers as love is not correct, for it is like unto water, and is not stable.

2 For it is what is known as lust, and is the material attraction that exists between male and female; and if used for the basis of what is known among you as marriage, it cannot stand.

3 Behold I say unto you, that love faileth not, neither is it selfish, neither is it selfwilled, neither is it based on lust, but perceiveth that which is best for all, and not that which is for the self only.

4 It is not dependent on conditions, but accepts what is, and by gentle persuasion encourages goodness in others.

5 Without this being present between a man and woman, choice spirits cannot be sent into the family.

Section 50 October, November 1979

... 64 And I the LORD say unto you, for this I speak and man shall hear and do or perish, that no man can enter into this most Holy Order unless he has first set his own house in order,

each man in his place at the head of his family or families.

65 And it was because this was not done in the past that the Order failed.

66 For My servant Brigham Young, who endeavored to set up this Order on several occasions without success, failed to completely set the families that entered into it first in order.

67 And thus it must be determined that each wife in his family have a sign and witness or revelation ascertaining that she belongeth unto him that no doubt enter therein.

68 Therefore, I command those who have stepped forward at this time to set their houses in order preparatory to their entering Mine Holy Order.

...

Section 53 January 1980

... My son, ye have written the discourse on marriage and it is pleasing unto Me; nevertheless, it is not altogether right and needs correction in diction and word usage.

2 This ye must work on until it is more perfect, for that work ye must perform must be correct in every sense that misunderstanding not occur.

3 For My heart doth delight in plainness and clarity that the gospel may go forth as the dew upon the grass.

4 And as thou didst expound the scripture this night, thy understanding was opened and ye did question the actions of certain of those in early times who labored many years to obtain a wife.

5 Behold I say unto you, that when a wife is brought up in the proper order of marriage and is taught the proper order of womanhood and a trade by her father, she is a most precious possession of a man, and is worth much unto him.

6 For then is she not an helpmeet, a comfort, and a blessing throughout his days?

7 For this reason My servants gave many valuable gifts, or if they had no possessions, became servants to the father for many years to pay for their daughters they had brought up according to the holy order and laws of God.

8 And this was not a custom but a law, for if a man purchase a woman for naught he shall treat

her as if she were worth naught, and if he pay a high price, he shall treat her as a valuable possession.

9 And this is My law, that if a man raise up a righteous posterity, and he teach his daughters according to the law, and teach them the duties of womanhood and a trade if they so desire it, they shall not let their daughters go for naught.

10 For have not I said that Mine anger was kindled against Israel, for the daughters of Zion walk haughtily before Me and sell themselves for naught.

11 For this is the explanation of this passage, for a daughter's first duty is to her father, and if she adheres faithfully to the law of her father she then shall see to it that she be sold for a high price, that she may first fulfill her obligation to her father to see that his goods are increased.

12 And secondly that she be a valuable possession to her husband that he may hold her in high esteem for her gifts and talents that she shall bring to his household.

13 Nevertheless, the prophecy concerning the daughters of Zion hath been fulfilled, for they all walk haughtily before Me, and few have humbled themselves to where they are of much value unto the children of men, most of them being like unto them a millstone about their necks.

14 And they hold their children up and make, as it were, each of them a chain of mail and a coat of brass across their shoulders, and instead of a joy, a great burden.

15 What then can they be likened unto? Salt that hath lost its savor, good for nothing but to be trodden under foot of men, for such will surely happen.

...

Section 61 July, 1980 (United Order Covenants)

... 24 If my brother die and is taken, I covenant that I will take to me his widow or widows that I may raise up unto him a righteous posterity, that they may not seek to Babylon for assistance and that the voice of my brother not call on me from the grave and seek vengeance upon me.

...

34 I hereby covenant that I will diligently teach

my wives, children and all those under my jurisdiction the true gospel of Jesus Christ, that I will teach unto my sons a trade and unto my daughters the duties of womanhood and a trade also if they so desire, that they all may grow up in purity and righteousness before the LORD.

...

Section 62 October 25, 1980

... 15 And ye have asked concerning the women who enter the Order, that their covenants must needs be different than the men in some respects.

16 And they shall covenant that they shall obey with willingness the laws of their husband as long as he is in accordance with the laws of God.

17 And they also must be placed under covenant that they will teach unto their children the laws of God according to that which has been given, and to the best of their ability.

18 They shall also accept all who do enter their husbands family as brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, wives and children, that their eternal inheritance be assured.

...

Section 83 September 15, 1982

Thus saith the LORD unto My Servant. Behold the leaders of My church have lost My holy priesthood in that they can no longer function in it.

2 Yet they still retain it to pass unto someone worthy, but this they will not do, for they believe they still retain it even as Ham would claim it from Noah, yet he lost it because of transgression.

3 They likewise have lost it because they heeded not My commandment to reinstate the marriage laws, that the brother would take his fallen brother's wife and raise up a posterity unto him.

4 This they did not and mocked My word through thee.

...

Section 86 November 28, 1982

... 15 Beware of women who seek their own and burden thee with great fetters-- for I forbid any that call themselves after My name to partake of

the present marriage system of Babylon, for it is wholly abominable and taketh the dignity from Mine holy Priesthood and binds with fetters hard to be broken.

16 For ye shall make covenants by My laws as contained in the scriptures ye have received.

17 And ye shall record these covenants in your own records, and these covenants shall be binding, even that those breaking them shall be before the judgment.

...

Section 92 March, 1983

... 5 And there are even those among yourselves who claim to be living the fullness of My gospel.

6 For they think that living the Patriarchal Marriage Covenant is all that is required for them to enter the Celestial Kingdom, yet it is one of the requirements.

7 Yet if they were taught the fullness they would rebel, for they say, "It is enough", as the early Israelites

8 And they as a people rejected the higher laws that would have brought them unto the highest degrees of My kingdom.

9 For unless ye are willing to sacrifice all to build My Zion, ye are not of Me.

10 Yea, and I will sift thee and sift thee, and sift thee again, that ye be not inclined to be led into forbidden paths.

...

Section 95 June 1983 (Marriage Acceptance Ceremony)

In the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Priesthood of my husband (name of husband), I (name of wife), do hereby take the hand of (name of bride), and place it in the hand of my husband, and in so doing I hereby give her unto him that she may be his wife according to the laws of God, and in this I do fully agree, and claim the blessings of Sarah in so doing.

...

Section 101 September 1983

... 13 Verily I say unto you If a man marry a wife according to My Word, which is the more sure

word of prophecy, and they are sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise, according to Mine appointment, and he or she shall commit any sin or transgression of the New and Everlasting Covenant whatever, and all manner of blasphemies, and if they commit no murder wherein they shed innocent blood, yea they shall come forth in the first resurrection, and enter into their exaltation, but they shall be destroyed in the flesh, and shall be delivered unto the buffetings of the adversary unto the day of redemption, saith the Lord God. [D&C 132:26]

14 For how can man annul an eternal covenant? It cannot be done for it is eternal.

15 For it is likened unto a pearl of great price which a man lost. And after many days he found it again and rejoiced greatly at its recovery.

16 And so it is when two, united for eternity come to this earth, and through the power of the Holy Ghost find it out.

17 And the knowledge brings great rejoicing, yet many prepare themselves not for this great knowledge, and recognize not the truth when it is presented to them, and pass it by, thinking it of little worth: and seek to annul that which is eternal.

18 Behold I say unto you, that this is not possible, for no earthly ordinance can release an eternal covenant.

...

Section 126 December 2, 1985

Thus saith the Lord unto My Servant. Heed not the words of those about you who say that possibly an error has been made in dictating My will-- for had ye made an error would not I have brought this to your attention, and given you instruction concerning the matter?

2 But I did not this because there was no error made. This they do because they heed not the Spirit. For I say unto you, that there is but one type of marriage that is recognized in the Celestial realms, and that is that which is sanctioned by the Holy Spirit of Promise, and there is none other acceptable unto Me.

3 For whether they be married for time or for eternity, it mattereth not, for if a man commit adultery that woman or women shall be taken

from him and given unto another for the children's sake.

4 For did not I say to My servant Joseph Smith that they should be turned over to the buffetings of the adversary and destroyed in the flesh?

5 Howbeit, have I not also said in a previous revelation that that woman be given unto another, yet be not married to him, for if she married him, would she not then commit adultery?

6 For I say unto you, if a man commit adultery or any other grievous sin and yet be sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise, yet he commit not murder nor deny not the Holy Ghost, he is like unto a man who is dead, and his wife or wives shall be given unto another, if they will have it, that their children grow not up in wickedness.

...

Section 139 May 13, 1987

... 26 And so were the children of Israel and of Judah scattered among the nations of the heathen, for they openly rebelled against Me, and built unto themselves gods and worshipped them and took unto themselves gods of the heathen nations and worshipped them and thus they committed fornications against Me; and thus I divorced Myself from them and cast them out among the heathen.

27 Nevertheless, I cast them not out of My mind, but promised that I would remember them in the last days.

28 And they migrated westward and northward, yea even a numerous host, and they became a great nation among the heathen nations and among the desolate places and did spread upon the face of the land.

29 And they did rebel against their captors, nevertheless, except for those who returned under the hand of Ezra, none returned to the land of their inheritance, but migrated to the north and to the west, sweeping before them the inhabitants of the land.

30 And because they took few records with them, they soon lost the knowledge of their forefathers, and became a lost people among the heathen.

31 Nevertheless, they retained some of their

original customs and they remembered among themselves that they should not intermarry among the tribes, neither should they intermarry among the heathen, yea and because of this belief, some did keep to themselves and did develop different tongues and languages.

32 And those who kept their blood pure are identifiable even today.

33 Nevertheless, there were a great many who mingled their blood with the heathen and became like unto them, dark in mind and complexion.

34 But those few who did keep themselves pure, and defiled not themselves, retained the fairness of their skin and the blueness of their eyes.

35 For this is one of the ways they shall be identified in these the last days.

...

Section 147 September 1988

... Behold I your Savior and Redeemer do speak unto you again at this time, for ye have wondered more concerning the marriage covenant.

2 And ye had wondered why My servants in olden times took unto themselves wives and concubines, and how they distinguished between the two.

3 Behold I your Savior do give unto you instruction concerning this matter.

4 For if a descendant of Israel took to wife one of his own and she had a sign and a witness from the Father, he then could take this woman unto himself as a wife, and she was a wife indeed unto him.

5 Yet if he took unto himself a woman from among the heathen, she was not unto him as a wife, but as a concubine-- for such it was in ancient Israel.

6 For David and Solomon had many wives and concubines, and in the taking of these they sinned not; only when they received wives that were not given unto them by the Father did they sin.

7 And so it is that the true blood of Israel hath this blessing.

8 And this I do say unto you that if ye take unto yourselves of the true daughters of Israel and they receive thee by a true sign and witness, behold they are unto thee as true wives and they

are thine and none can take them from thee.

9 And if ye take unto thyself a woman from among the Gentiles; behold, they need not a sign and witness, and if they be willing to be unto thee a concubine, then ye shall take and raise up children from them.

10 And behold I say unto you, here is wisdom; for if a woman being a Gentile bring forth Israelitish children, then even though she appeareth as a Gentile, behold she hath Israelitish blood.

11 Then she can request that her Gentile blood be purged from her, and when she hath had this ordinance done, she can become unto this man a wife for she is then an Israelite, and hath all the rights of an Israelite woman.

12 And she need not a sign, for the man hath redeemed her for a price.

13 And if her posterity continue faithful in keeping My laws and statutes, and they marry from that time forth only those with true Israelitish blood, behold after four generations will they not then bring forth the pure seed of Israel?

14 Nevertheless, in some cases, ten generations must pass before the Gentile blood is indeed entirely purged from them.

...

Section 154 February 28 and March 3, 1989

... 18 Yet those who have the intelligence to understand it fully, and who are of the House of Israel, endeavor in every way to find means to excuse themselves from entering this form of marriage which is necessary to live to enter into My kingdom.

19 For have I not said that if ye live not this law after this principle hath been revealed unto thee, are ye not then damned?

20 For your progress toward My Celestial kingdom is stopped as with water when a dam is formed.

21 And until ye live it, your progress towards My kingdom is stopped, for ye cannot reap the rewards of My servant Abraham without doing all the works that he did, and they were many.

22 For My words vary not, and are the same now as they were in the beginning.

23 For man changeth My laws to make men believe in a lie; but when they change them, they are no longer My laws, but the laws of men.

24 And woe unto those who endeavor to change My laws, for they are the false Christs and false Shepherds.

25 For My laws vary not from the beginning, even unto the end they are the same.

26 Men changeth My laws and are cursed with a sore cursing, even a cloak of darkness, for they change them to please the world;

27 And their reward will be from the world, even that of wormwood.

...

Section 155 May 22, 1989

... 31 Behold I say unto you, unless a man is married by the New and Everlasting Covenant of Marriage, and also sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise, it hath no continuance in the hereafter or in the world to come.

32 He who hath an ear let him hear, and he who hath an eye let him see. Behold I say unto you, there is no other way.

33 For My laws must be adhered to, that the accompanying blessing be realized.

...

Section 161 March 20, 1990

... 3 For have not I said unto you that ye are not to strike hands with the wicked? For even though they appear as friends, their intentions are to destroy and not to build;

4 For they seek to discover your secret parts, and thus destroy you, howbeit they will feign righteousness.

5 And have not I said also unto you that unless ye are willing to give up all, yea even fathers, mothers, children, brothers, sisters, lands and possessions for My name's sake, ye will not be worthy of My kingdom?

6 And it is for this reason I gave unto you these commandments, knowing that if ye did not these things nor heeded them, ye would be led into diverse paths and be lost.

7 And behold, if I am to raise up unto Me a righteous generation, they cannot be continually

influenced by those that are Mine enemies.

8 For I say unto you from this time forth, whoso is not for Me is against Me.

...

Section 167 April 2, 1991

... 5 Behold, I again give unto you instruction concerning the laws of marriage, and this because of the actions of some of My servants.

6 For some have chosen a woman at will to be unto them as a wife. Behold I say unto you that this is error.

7 For a woman in Israel must choose the man by the Spirit of revelation, and this I have before instructed thee.

8 For I will give unto her a sign and witness, and there is no other way that a man in Israel shall take unto himself a wife.

9 For are ye not Israel, and are ye not the beginning of the gathering of My scattered nation?

10 And am not I your Savior, restoring the laws of Israel that ye may again live them accordingly, that ye may again be acceptable unto Me?

11 For if ye live not these laws, will I not surely leave thee unto your own devices to be cast aside as dross?

...

Section 172 November 24, 1991

... 4 For although a woman is redeemed when she bareth Israelitish children, and if she truly desireth it, she may have her blood purged from all Gentile blood, and become truly of the blood of My servant Jacob;

5 However, in the case of a man, if he sire Israelitish children from an Israelitish woman, he remaineth yet a Gentile;

6 And as concerning the Ozondah, he cannot at any time take precedence over an Israelite.

7 Nevertheless, he may have all other blessings of an Israelite, that the promises on their behalf may be fulfilled.

...

Section 173 March 31, 1992

... 19 For that which is sealed up, is sealed up until I have raised up a righteous generation unto Myself; and this generation has not yet been brought forth;

20 Yet there are some now on the earth who are the foundation of this generation;

21 And they will be called, one here and one there, and they will be tried in the wilderness of adversity, for they must be tried in all things.

...

Section 180 May 8, 1993

... 10 And the one question ye had was concerning sealings.

11 Behold I say unto you, that if a woman is totally committed unto a man, being totally committed in the flesh (for have I not said in My scriptures that they shall be one flesh?) then I do seal that woman to that man.

12 For when My maidservant Eve did sin grievously and partook of the fruit against the commandment they were given, the only way she could obtain her salvation was to totally commit herself to Adam.

13 And this she did, and thus she became the mother of all living, for she totally committed herself unto him.

14 And this is clearly spelled out in the Temple ceremony.

15 It was for this reason she made certain covenants and promises that if she faithfully adhered to, the promises were that she would become a queen even unto him.

16 This she did, and behold, was she not then sealed unto him, that she would receive the eternal blessings and honor of the righteous?

17 And does she not now sit in yonder heavens revered as a queen; and does she not sit at his side in glory and light?

18 Did I not likewise seal Sarah unto My servant Abraham for did she not then totally commit herself unto him?

19 And this is the promise unto the righteous woman, if she totally commits herself unto her righteous husband: the promise is that she shall be sealed unto him that she be even a queen or a princess unto him, to reign with him throughout

the eternities.

20 And those who do not totally commit themselves unto their righteous husbands, I say unto you, they must repent, otherwise they shall not have any such blessing.

21 And thus I say unto My maidservants, that they totally commit themselves unto My servants that they qualify themselves for these blessings.

...

Section 183 November 25, 1992

... 11 And those who pollute themselves in any way prevent themselves from bringing forth the righteous generation spoken of that is to come forth.

12 For those who say, "I will do this and this and it will not hurt anything, and later I will repent." Behold I say unto you, they shall not receive unto themselves those spirits that I have reserved for the righteous;

13 And the adversary knows this, and tries with all his might and cunning to cause those who have been chosen for this work to sin in the least, so that they will disqualify themselves from bringing forth these choice spirits;

14 For if he can get them but to sin once, if they then bring forth seed, the seed shall not be of the chosen but of those who are worthy of a far lesser glory.

15 And those who resist temptation, and keep themselves pure, behold they are worthy of a much greater exaltation; and shall receive those spirits that are a chosen people worthy of bringing forth My Zion.

...

25 For the New and Everlasting Covenant of marriage is according to My law, but those who practice it not according to My will shall not receive the blessings thereof.

26 For did not I take this most sacred law from among the Nephites for their abuse of this law? And so shall I remove all those who keep this law without My approbation;

27 For though they keep My law, they do it not according to My will.

28 Behold I say unto you, to those who follow this course it shall be unto them a cursing instead of a blessing.

29 And thus for this time, I give unto you instruction concerning this matter, that ye not fall again into the pattern of those of old that disqualified themselves from bringing forth My Zion.

30 For if I say unto one man, "Take unto yourself a wife", and he doeth it, and keepeth My laws, then it is according to My will, and he shall be blessed and receive the reward.

31 And if a man desireth to take unto himself a wife, and I say unto him that he shall not do so, and if he doeth it, then he shall not be blessed, and I shall have no part of it.

32 And if men take unto themselves wives of whom they choose, not confirming it by My word, then they do it according to their own will, and not Mine;

33 How then can I approve their actions, seeing that it is not according to My will?

34 This is when they shall receive the cursing instead of the blessing.

Section 193 October and November 1994

...8 My son, there are some in My school who have asked thee to receive direction by the still small voice concerning My maidservant's proclamation; therefore, I will give unto them instruction concerning the matter.

9 For when a woman in Israel receives a sign for a man, I her Savior also give unto her a witness by My Holy Spirit.

10 When this is present, and it is felt by others, then ye are certain that these things are of Me, and are not of a false origin.

11 Nevertheless, ye who have the responsibility of discerning these matters must also seek confirmation from Me, for ye cannot place this responsibility on another;

12 And the confirmation they receive, either "yea" or "nay", they shall convey to the School.

13 For if they do otherwise they pin their responsibilities on another's sleeve, which also the Church does--which has caused them to deviate from the correct path.

Section 195 March 12, 1995

...10 And ye have asked Me concerning My servant ____, what ye shall say unto him, because of his continual disregard and disobedience of My marriage laws.

11 For instead of heeding My laws, which have been plainly written, he hath taken these words and mixed them with his own ideas and notions.

12 And he continues to seek after women in the wrong manner, being like unto those who call themselves fundamentalists.

13 For they have greatly twisted My words, which actions have taken them into confusion.

14 For he also twists the words of My law to suit his own will and desires, and in the past I have forgiven him because of his repentance;

...

Section 228 November 15, 2002

... 2 And ye shall say unto My servant ____ that he desires a marriage performed on his behalf for time and eternity because of a sign that was given to _____.

3 Behold, this sign has been approved by the School, but has not been confirmed by a witness of the Spirit which would make the sign valid in the heavens;

4 Therefore, ye shall seal him for time only.

5 For the witness of the Spirit is by revelation, which must occur prior to an eternal union.

6 For all things that are of an eternal nature must be by revelation, for there is no other way that those of the spiritual realm can confirm their agreement with that which is done on earth, except it be by revelation.

7 And any ordinance performed by My servant, not confirmed by revelation is of a temporal nature, and will not be permanently recorded in the heavens.

8 For there has been errors in the performance of ordinances in the past, which must no longer occur.

9 For these ordinances are performed for the purpose of being valid throughout the eternities, and must not be treated in a light manner.

10 For even ordinances performed for time must be adhered to faithfully, and are done by My servants who are My spokesmen-- and am I not Eternal?

Section 231 July 30, 2003

It is My will that ye write down that which I shall say unto thee at this time;

2 For it is important that these things shall be made known, and made plain, that they cannot say that My servant Joseph Smith sinned in taking the wives he did.

3 For he took none except that I commanded him, for I did give unto him many, for was he not worthy?

4 Yet many he did marry for eternity only, and these were given unto others for time-- and in none of this did he sin.

5 For many he did marry for eternity remained with the men they had married for time, and some were married for time to others at a later date, that none would be left destitute.

6 And behold, few understood this principle, and accused My servant of all manner of wickedness.

7 Yet in all these things he sinned not, for they were of Me.

8 And few have understood these principles, and the principle was abandoned.

9 For a woman can be sealed by revelation to a man for all eternity, yet she can be married to another for time;

10 Nevertheless, the children she bears shall belong to the man she is sealed to for eternity.

11 Behold, this is a plain and clear principle, for these children shall be his if they choose and accept the truth, and live My commandments.

12 And again I say unto you, that no man shall take unto himself wives if they have no means to support them;

13 For whoso doeth this is an infidel, and none need think that such men that provide not for their own shall receive them in the eternities.

14 For if a man marry and have issue, and he at first is able to provide for them, and because of injury or health is no longer able to provide for them, then if he has lived a righteous life, he may look to other sources to help him, and he shall be justified.

15 But if a man take wives without revelation and confirmation of the Spirit, and father children with no thought of how he is to provide for them, and relies on other sources to provide for them, they are not his, neither the wives nor

the children;

16 For they shall be given to others, and not belong to these arrogant men in the eternities.

Section 233 April 9, 2004

... 13 And ye again ask Me your Savior if a woman can stand alone and have an inheritance in the Celestial Kingdom?

14 Behold I say unto you, where I dwell they cannot come, for have I not said that the man is not without the woman, nor the woman without the man in the LORD?

15 And this is My law, and it cannot be changed.

Section 237 April 28, 2006

My son, ye have asked Me your Savior the reason for the principle of adoption, and why it was held in such importance in the early church.

2 Behold I your Savior do say unto you, that the reason why the principle of adoption was so important was due to the principle of continuance;

3 For when this principle is performed in the correct manner, it solves one of the great problems that is now rampant in this nation.

4 For it is important that when a brother dies, and he leaves a widow and perhaps issue, that his brother take this woman and raise up issue to his departed brother;

5 And in addition take care of the needs of her and her children--

6 This only if she was not totally alienated from him, and if she was indeed the true blood of Israel, and received a true sign and witness for him.

7 However, if it occurred that there was no brother, it would be imperative that her husband's father adopt an acceptable son of the same tribe, and she then would be placed with this man to raise up children and care for the needs of his wife and children.

8 This could only be accomplished by the promptings and witness of the Spirit, and thus in this manner all would be cared for among My people.

9 And other adoptions can take place as before indicated, so that all My people have mothers,

fathers, sisters, brothers;

10 And in this manner all my people would be cared for in a proper manner, and not be left destitute.

11 This principle was understood by My early apostles, both in the early church and also in My later church, but because of the abandonment of the New and Everlasting covenant of marriage by My church, this most sacred and necessary part of My Gospel was also abandoned.

12 However, it was the intention of My servants at the head of My church at the time of My servant Wilford Woodruff to reinstate this principle after the State of Utah was established.

13 However, after his passing this was never done, and thus My holy principle of adoption was abandoned also;

14 As when the one principle was abandoned, there was no further need for this principle to exist.

15 Thus, the principle of the New and Everlasting covenant of marriage, the law of continuance, and the law of adoption fell into disuse and were abandoned by My church.

16 Behold, I your Savior do say unto you these laws all must be lived and lived correctly for My servants to receive the eternal rewards thereof.

17 For they exist together, for one is not without the other.

18 Behold, woe unto those who have corrupted the laws I have given unto mankind, for their eternal salvation shall be taken from them;

19 Just as in the case of the near kinsman of Boaz, wherein his near kinsman's inheritance became his.

20 Behold, I again say unto you, that My law is simple and fair, why then do men live it not?

United Order Publications
PO Box 396
Salem, UT 84653

<http://2bc.info>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SecondBookOfCommandments/>