

Dear Friends of Saints Alive, we hope this Newsletter finds you well! We are working hard to improve your experience with our ministry with improvements to our website and our newsletter (both in print and online) with better formatting and content. If you have any questions or topics, you would like us to discuss, please let us know!

Jason's Miracle Story

Exactly one year ago today (August 23rd), I was in the ICU dying from Covid Delta (& from Remdesivir treatment) and I was placed on the ventilator in a last-ditch effort to save my life. They told me without it, I would die and immediately rushed me into the operating room for the intubation procedure.



This was the scariest experience I've ever endured. I had to say I love you and goodbye to my wife Lori via a rushed FaceTime call while I was lying on the operating table surrounded by PPE masked doctors and nurses. They looked like astronauts wearing helmets under the bright lights. I had no time to talk to my kids or family. No time out, no pause button, it was now or never. I was very aware there was a huge likelihood that I would wake up in heaven.

At this moment, I wasn't concerned at all about dying. I was consumed and worried about leaving my wife and kids without me being there for them as a husband, as a father and as their friend. Even now, a year later that very thought brings a flood of tears to my eyes.

<<BUT THEN>> the MOST AMAZING thing happened, God showed up right at the exact moment I needed Him the most!

After I said goodbye to Lori on the phone, I was being prepped for the intubation. I suddenly felt God and an urge to pray, so I screamed at the Dr's PLEASE LET ME PRAY! When I prayed, the presence of God washed all over me as I lay there on the operating table, and He pushed away all the fear and anxiety I was feeling. He replaced that terror with PEACE, Faith, and Hope. I felt His pure love in the operating room WITH ME. Once I was done praying, I knew I could let go and trust Him with my life, my wife, and my Kids, with my family (and friends). I knew that no matter what outcome was – even if I would die, it was it was going to be ok BECAUSE of HIS goodness and His faithfulness.

The prayer I prayed: *“God YOU ARE GOOD and YOU ARE FAITHFULL, God, I need you right now. I put this situation in your hands. I trust you with my life, I trust you with my wife, I trust you with my kids, and no matter what the outcome is, I declare Your goodness over this situation! I speak LIFE over myself and I plead the Blood of Jesus over myself from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet. As I prayed this prayer, it filled me with peace and hope. Then I declared I am going to live and not die!”* Then I prayed a blessing on the doctors and nurses and asked God to give them divine guidance and use them to help me get back home to my family. By the time I ended this prayer, I was so immersed by God's goodness that I was laughing with joy and gave the doctor a fist bump. I said: “ok doc, knock me out!” It was at that moment I realized victory with God is only found when we surrender everything to Him, trusting Him to deliver us.

Faith is the only thing that we have that pleases God. Faith is what gives us our assurance of Heavenly hope! It was amazing to learn for myself just how true and real this is when I was past the point of no return between life and death.

Why am I still here? maybe it's to share my story with you!?



It truly WAS a miracle when I woke up 29 days later, surrounded by God’s presence KNOWING what a miracle that just happened, and I KNEW that I was HEALED, and I was going back home to my family.

My miracle also belongs to many of you because you all prayed and stood in the gap and fought for me! THANK YOU!

A year later, I have nothing but gratitude and gratefulness for every single day, because He’s still here with me, together with my wife, my kids, and my family. Every day we all have together truly is a gift and that perspective is a priceless truth that's not just a cliché anymore.

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for YOU are with me!” Psalm 27:4

This ordeal was hardest thing I’ve ever faced but also the most amazing and unexpected blessing at the same time! God is so good I refuse to go back to living a normal life like it was before. This last year has been the best I’ve ever experienced. *I’ve learned just being together and loving each other is all that matters most.*

The one thing I want EVERYONE to know is that God is REAL, and God loves you and you can pray and call out to God if you’re facing any situation that’s bigger than you and He will show up! **He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

Hallelujah my friends! THIS IS OUR PROMISE HE MADE TO US!

MANY OF YOU also have a **testimony to tell others from my story!** Next time you find someone needing healing you can tell them you prayed for me and God healed my lungs and brought me back to my family! **Then ask them if you can pray for them, when they say YES! Lay your hands on them and pray for them!**



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We have made great progress with our web designer the past few weeks and now have our new website frame-work in place!

Please go online and take a look! *Please let us know our thoughts!?* Many of you have donated and supported this important work and we want to say THANK YOU!

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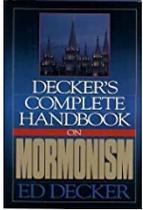


- ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED**
1. New Logo
 2. E-Book System
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PLEASE HELP US COMPLETE THIS MASSIVE PROJECT!

Polygamy and Mormonism by Jason & Ed Decker

Polygamy and Mormonism have roots that will never be removed from its doctrines, no matter how woke the church tries to be. If I were a true fundamentalist LDS believer, I would have to be a polygamist or face the fires of hell.



If you look up POLYGAMY in the index on Ed's book **Decker's Complete Handbook on Mormonism** ([LINK ON WEBSITE BOOKSTORE](#)) You'll see: Polygamy (see New and Everlasting Covenant)

Polygamy IS the "New and Everlasting Covenant" established by Joseph Smith with his supposed discovery of the Book of Mormon and the new teachings and revelations he received. The very PURPOSE of the LDS Temple and the LDS Melchizedek Priesthood held by the temple active Mormons is to fulfill this New and Everlasting Covenant.

The "New and Everlasting Covenant" also is also referred to as the Law of the Priesthood, Celestial Marriage, Plural Marriage, and Polygamy. Today it is fair to say that, to the average LDS member, the breadth of Mormonism is encompassed by the new and everlasting covenant/polygamy. **Without Polygamy, Mormons cannot fulfill the Law of Eternal Progression** which says: "As man is, God once was, and as God is, man may become."



Mormons believe that Elohim is their Heavenly Father and that he lives with his many wives on a planet near a mysterious star called Kolob. Here the god of Mormonism and his many wives through endless celestial sex, produce billions of "spirit babies" in what they believe is a pre-existence, where we exist spiritually until we are born on earth.

It's no wonder that the LDS founder Joseph Smith and its leadership even up to as recently as Gordon B. Hinckley have a history of sex abuse and even today, the LDS Church is going through a massive scandal with the Boy Scouts of American and sexual abuse by Scout Masters that were systematically covered up by LDS leadership.

Is it not too far-fetched for poly-theistic believers to poly-amorous?

In its sacred scripture, **D&C 3 132**, entered as the words of God, Joseph revealed the New and Everlasting Covenant, The Law of the Priesthood. In its introduction, it is written:

SECTION 132

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Nauvoo, Illinois, recorded July 12, 1843, relating to the new and everlasting covenant, including the eternity of the marriage covenant and the principle of plural marriage. Although the revelation was recorded in 1843, evidence indicates that some of the principles involved in this revelation were known by the Prophet as early as 1831.

The Mormons are sealed In the LDS Temple during Celestial Marriage ceremonies. For evangelical Christians by contrast, our NEW COVENANT Is found at THE CROSS OF CALVARY which Is Salvation by Grace Through Faith In Jesus! THAT'S IT!

We will pull out the key instructions from the LDS God. (I suggest you google the section and read it from start to finish.)

- **4** For behold, I reveal unto you a new and an everlasting ^acovenant; and if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye ^bdamned; for no one can ^creject this covenant and be permitted to enter into my glory.
- **6** And as pertaining to the ^anew and everlasting covenant, it was instituted for the fulness of my ^bglory; and he that receiveth a fulness thereof must and shall abide the law, or he shall be damned, saith the Lord God.
- *This is a new and an everlasting covenant, [D&C 22:1](#).*
- *I have sent my everlasting covenant into the world, [D&C 45:9](#) ([D&C 49:9](#)).*
- *The Lord sent the fulness of his gospel, his everlasting covenant, [D&C 66:2](#) ([D&C 133:57](#)).*
- *In order to obtain the highest degree in the celestial kingdom, a man must enter into the new and everlasting covenant of marriage, [D&C 131:1-2](#).*
- **The new and everlasting covenant was instituted for the fulness of the Lord's glory, [D&C 132:6, 19](#).**

28 I am the Lord thy God, and will give unto thee the ^alaw of my Holy Priesthood, as was ordained by me and my Father before the world was.

58 Now, as touching the law of the [priesthood](#), there are many things pertaining thereunto.

61 And again, as pertaining to the law of the priesthood—if any man espouse a virgin, and desire to espouse [another](#), and the first give her consent, and if he espouse the second, and they are virgins, and have vowed to no other man, then is he justified; he cannot commit adultery for they are given unto him; for he cannot commit adultery with that that belongeth unto him and to no one else.

62 And if he have [ten](#) virgins given unto him by this law, he cannot commit adultery, for they belong to him, and they are given unto him; therefore is he justified.

64 And again, verily, verily, I say unto you, if any man have a wife, who holds the keys of this power, and he teaches unto her the law of my priesthood, as pertaining to these things, then shall she believe and administer unto him, or she shall be destroyed, saith the Lord your God; for I will destroy her; for I will magnify my name upon all those who receive and abide in my law. **There it is in a nutshell!**

You will know them by THEIR FRUITS

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.” Matthew 7:15-20

Fawn Brodie, in her great work: No Man Knows My History, revealed the carnality of Joseph Smith. “He bore the spirit of adultery and *licentious behavior and laid it upon his followers.*” He took many women, even those who were married as spiritual wives and took them to his bed. He was the living example of an adulterer, upon whom God shall heap the burning coals of hell.

That lewd and promiscuous darkness did not fade away when he died. Brigham Young carried it to Utah with his own several dozen victim wives. The next “prophet of the only true church” - John Taylor continued their carnal example.

You see, instead of repenting of this dark sin laden past, the Mormons would rather try to explain it away. In the early days of our Utah travels it was estimated that over 10,000 Mormons were caught up in polygamy. **It is still there today. There are victims like Warren Jeff’s wife who escaped with her son, got saved, sued Jeffs and won and started the Short Creek Dream Center!**

As recently as 2015, the LDS Church published an official essay that sent shockwaves throughout the LDS community.

Read about that here: The [essay on polygamy](#), posted in November on [lds.org](#), the church’s website, was one in a series on church history and theology, in which [Mormon leaders acknowledged](#) that Smith secretly took dozens of wives, including some already married to other churchmen and at least one **who was only 14.**

“Then the essay comes out from the church and says, ‘Nope, it’s not just Joseph and Emma,’ ” said Mrs. Peterson, a fifth-generation member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. “It’s Joseph and Emma and 33 other women.”

Excerpt From a 2015 NY TIMES article linked below <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/18/us/mormon-leader-joseph-smiths-34-wives-inspire-utah-artist.html>

LET'S DISCUSS THE BIBLICAL TRUTH REGARDING POLYGAMY!

The practice of polygamy is found in the Bible BEFORE the Mosaic Law was given. Going back to establishment of the Abrahamic covenant between God and Abraham, one would logically think that IF God was ok with Polygamy and that the LDS were correct with their New and Everlasting Covenant, then why would God have any issue at all with what Abraham did with Hagar? Especially since his wife Sarah was ok with it? Mormons believe the first wife must give permission for her husband to take another wife. If God was ok with polygamy and If Mormon Doctrine is true, then God would not have required the exile of Hagar and Ishmael. Read the story for yourself in Genesis 21:8-20

Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, **each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband**. The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. **1 Corinthians 7:1-7**

In the **Mosaic Law / Ten Commandments**, Polygamy is indirectly addressed in these two commandments:

- Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery and Thou Shalt not covet thy Neighbor's Wife

Polygamist in the Bible

These Biblical figures had more than one wife and/or had concubines: Abraham, Esau, Jacob, Elkanah, King David and Solomon. Every single one of them endured major problems, delays, punishment, and consequences from their indiscretions and more importantly, disobedience to God's promises to them.

I find it interesting that the enemy repeatedly attacked God's promise with Abraham (the whole Hagar and Ishmael debacle), with Isaac (Rebekah was barren for a bit) and with Jacob when Laban tricked him into marrying TWO of his daughters. Despite of all those attempts to attack God's promise to Abraham, God worked his promise through what the enemy meant for evil and even through the failures of His followers who failed with good intentions.

Jacob is the most known Polygamist in the bible marrying TWO sisters (Rachel and Leah) after being tricked by their father (his uncle) Laban.

Genesis 29:31 When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless

Rachel was the FIRST wife that Jacob married. Even though she wasn't "loved" by Jacob like Rachel was, she was the one God blessed and passed the Abrahamic Covenant Blessings and she also carried the seed line that led to King David and Jesus Christ Himself as Rachel was the mother of Judah (her 4th son). ***I think this could be an indication of God's preference for marriage even though the Mosaic Law had not yet been established.***

The New Testament clearly considers Polygamy as sin and clearly shows a leader must be the husband of one wife.

- [Matthew 19:5](#) And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his **wife**: and they twain shall be **one** flesh?
- [Ephesians 5:33](#) Nevertheless let every **one** of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the **wife** see that she reverence her husband.
- [1 Timothy 3:2](#) bishop then must be blameless, the husband of **one wife**, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- [1 Timothy 3:12](#) Let the deacons be the husbands of **one wife**, ruling their children and their own houses well.
- [1 Corinthians 6:9](#) Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Prayer Cards and Notes

One of our favorite regular functions of our ministry is our interactions with you! We regularly receive notes, letters, questions, and prayer requests in our regular mail and via email. Please email us at ed@saintsalive.com or jason@saintsalive.com if you'd like to reach us quickly or fill out the return card and use the envelope to reach us.

Since Jason has taken over the helm, he enjoys talking and praying with many of you. If you need prayer, please let Jason pray with you by filling out the card with your contact information and prayer request.

Ministering Angels Among Us (Caregivers)



We recently received several prayer cards asking for prayer for some of our faithful ministry partners and friends who are caregiving for ill spouses or family members battling illnesses such as cancer, Alzheimer's, dementia and other chronic illnesses and old age. We also have received several requests for prayer for healing.

Having gone through this ourselves recently, we understand firsthand how exhausting caregiving can be and wanted to share this helpful insight & paraphrase of Psalm 23 as found in an out-of-print book titled Rhema by our favorite Pastor, Dr. Wendell Smith.

Please **DECLARE** this Psalm (**out loud**) after you read each line of the scripture verse

The Lord My Caregiver - PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd (caregiver);
I shall not want (I have everything I need)
He makes me to lie down in green pastures (He enables me to rest comfortably in body, mind, spirit);
He leads me besides the still (peaceful) **waters,**
He restores (renews) **my soul** (mind, will and emotions);
He leads me (guides me into) **in the paths of righteousness** (saving grace)
For His name's sake (reputation- He is not a man that He should lie – Numbers 23:19)
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, (Even if I come close to death)
I will fear no Evil (I will not be scared of any sickness or disease)
For YOU ARE WITH ME! (I AM NOT ALONE)
Your rod (Your Authority protects me) **and Your staff** (supports and guides me)
They comfort me (console and calms)
You prepare a table (fellowship and communion with You)
before me in the presence of my enemies (in the midst of sickness and disease);
You anoint my head with oil (You fill me with your Holy Spirit);
My cup runs over (until the anointing overflows from my life)
Surely goodness (prosperity and happiness)
Shall follow me (pursue me)
All the days of my life (for the rest of my life)
And I will dwell (remain)
In the house (family) **of the LORD**
Forever (eternity)

- Dear Friends, please let us know if you or anyone you know needs prayer!
- Please contact us and let us pray with you!