



## Gospel Principles

Chapter 47



bathed in the fulness of truth, which shall grow brighter and brighter until the perfect day" (*Doctrines of Salvation*, 2:36).

The Prophet Joseph Smith taught: "When you climb up a ladder, you must begin at the bottom, and ascend step by step, until you arrive at the top; and so it is with the principles of the Gospel—you must begin with the first, and go on until you learn all the principles of exaltation. But it will be a great while after you have passed through the veil [died] before you will have learned them. It is not all to be comprehended in this world; it will be a great work to learn our salvation and exaltation even beyond the grave" (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 348).

This is the way our Heavenly Father became God. Joseph Smith taught: "It is the first principle of the Gospel to know for a certainty the character of God. . . . He was once a man like us; . . . God himself, the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth, the same as Jesus Christ himself did" (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, pp. 345–46).

Our Heavenly Father knows our trials, our weaknesses, and our sins. He has compassion and mercy on us. He wants us to succeed even as he did.

Imagine what joy each of us will have when we return to our Heavenly Father if we can say: "Father, I did what you wanted me to do. I have been faithful and have kept your commandments. I am happy to be home again." Then we will hear him say, "Well done; . . . thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:23).

### Discussion

- Describe how you might feel to hear the Savior's words in Matthew 25:23.
- What must we do to endure to the end?

### Additional Scriptures

- D&C 132:3–4, 16–26, 37 (pertaining to exaltation)
- D&C 131:1–4 (eternal marriage is key to exaltation)
- D&C 76:59–70 (blessings of celestial glory explained)



One God Triune



One Man Triune

The reason that the above statements cannot be true is because the Bible states that there is only one God who is eternal, the Creator of all things, and triune.

Isa 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him (Jesus Christ); and without him was not any thing made that was made.

## ONLY ONE GOD

The Bible Says There Is Only One God Who Is Eternal (without beginning or ending) Who Created All Things By The Power Of His Word.

Mormon Leaders Teach That There Are Many Gods. Which Will You Believe?

Will You Believe Men Who Claim To Be “Spiritual Leaders” Or Will You Believe God And His Word? The Wrong Choice Will Mean Eternal Punishment With All Those Who Have Believed Satan’s Lie.

Deut 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD (Jehovah, God the Son) our God (Elohim: The Triune God who is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) is **one LORD**:

Gen 1:26 And God said, **Let us** (the One Triune God) make man in our image, after our likeness:

Mal 2:10 Have we not all one father? hath not **one God** created us (not three as Mormonism teaches)? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

Isa 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.** 11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no Saviour.

Mark 12:32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is **one God**; and there is none other but he:

Rom 3:30 Seeing it is **one God**, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Eph 4:5-6 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 **One God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1Tim 2:5 For there is **one God**, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is **one God**; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.