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“What must a man do to commit the unpardonable sin? He must receive the Holy Ghost, have the heavens opened unto him, and know God, and then sin against Him. After a man has sinned against the Holy Ghost, there is no repentance for him. He has got to say that the sun does not shine while he sees it; he has got to deny Jesus Christ when the heavens have been opened unto him, and to deny the plan of salvation with his eyes open to the truth of it; and from that time he begins to be an enemy.”

(Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, sel. Joseph Fielding Smith [1976], 358).

SUPPLEMENT #2 Elder Bruce R. McConkie

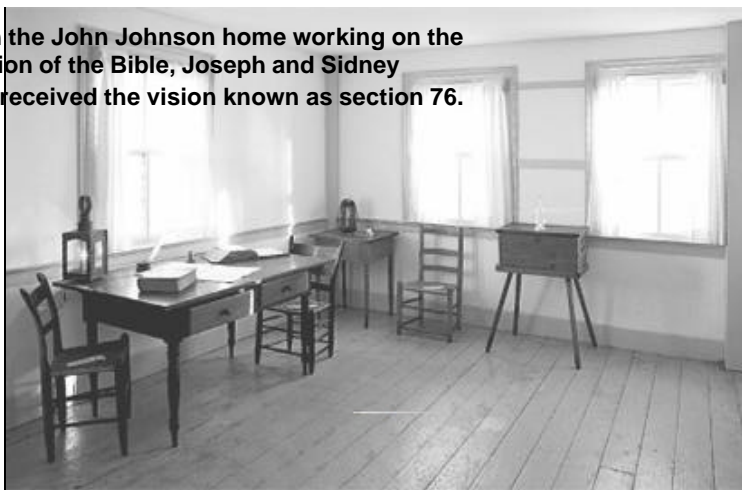
“Those destined to inherit the terrestrial kingdom are: (1) those who died ‘without law’—those heathen and pagan people who do not hear the gospel in this life, and who would not accept it with all their hearts should they hear it; (2) those who hear and reject the gospel in this life and then accept it in the spirit world; (3) those ‘who are honorable men of the earth, who [are] blinded by the craftiness of men’; and (4) those who are lukewarm members of the true church and who have testimonies, but who are not true and faithful in all things.”

(A New Witness for the Articles of Faith [1985], 146)

SUPPLEMENT #3 President Joseph Fielding Smith

“Section 76 of the Doctrine and Covenants should be treasured by all members of the Church as a priceless heritage. It should strengthen their faith and be to them an incentive to seek the exaltation promised to all who are just and true.” *(Church History & Modern Revelation, [1953], 1:279)*

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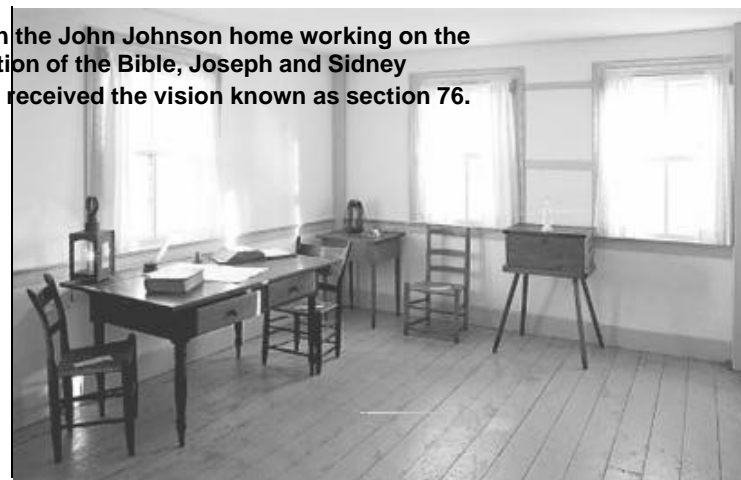
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Satan's Influence

Individual Righteousness

Godly Expectations

We will be using our scriptures a lot today

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Received in 1832

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- b. D&C 76:51 (1st phrase) Our reward is based on what?What is expected after receiving the testimony of Christ?

2- Perdition

Write on WB

- a. D&C 76:25-26,31-32 Who is perdition and who are his sons?.....Perdition is a state of loss and destruction, not a kingdom
- b. D&C 76:29 What did Lucifer do when he was cast out?.....What must we do to win this war against Satan?
- c. D&C 76: 30-38 What suffering will SofP experience?What have they chosen to do to deserve such a harsh punishment?
- d. Supplement #1 *Prophet Joseph Smith*.....*Not many attain enough to receive this condemnation*

3- The telestial kingdom

Write on WB / star

- a. D&C 76:81,98 The telestial glory is compared to what?Lowest kingdom but still one of glory (but different levels of glory?)
- b. D&C 76:82-83,103 Who will inherit telestial kingdom?.....What does it mean not to receive gospel or testimony of Christ?
- c. D&C 76:102,106,112 What are conditions in telestial kingdom?.....You have to proactively "work" to get to this glory

4- The terrestrial kingdom

Write on WB / moon

- a. D&C 76:78 The terrestrial glory is compared to what?Why did Lord use celestial bodies to make comparisons?
- b. D&C 76:72-75,79 Who will inherit terrestrial kingdom?.....We all know people who fit this description. Lets make sure it's not us!
- c. Supplement #2 *Elder Bruce R. McConkie**Give examples of "craftiness of men"*
- d. D&C 76:71 What are conditions within terrestrial kingdom?.....How does moonlight differ from sunlight?

5- The celestial kingdom

Write on WB / sun

- a. D&C 76:70 The celestial kingdom is compared to what?How bright is the sun?
- b. D&C 76:51-53,69 Who will inherit the celestial kingdom?.....What does it mean to "overcome by faith"?
- c. D&C 137 Who did Joseph Smith see / What did he learn?4 years after section 76 / brother Alvin died in 1823, before restoration
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- f. D&C 132:20 What blessings are available within celestial?We can't even begin to imagine what this means
- g. Supplement #3 *President Joseph Fielding Smith*.....*How does this section help us to overcome discouragement?*

Read long quote from Bruce R. McConkie (found in the lesson manual) if there is time

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