

LESSON 1 by Dennis Roberts

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(Gen Conf, Oct. 1995).

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SUPPLEMENT #3 President Gordon B. Hinckley

“We are here to assist our Father in His work and His glory, ‘to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man’ (Moses 1:39). Your obligation is as serious in your sphere of responsibility as is my obligation in my sphere. No calling in this church is small or of little consequence. All of us in the pursuit of our duty touch the lives of others. To each of us in our respective responsibilities the Lord has said: ... ‘In doing these things thou wilt do the greatest good unto thy fellow beings, and wilt promote the glory of him who is your Lord’ (D&C 81:4).”
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SUPPLEMENT #4 I Am a Child of God

1. I am a child of God,
And he has sent me here,
Has given me an earthly home
With parents kind and dear.

[Chorus]
Lead me, guide me, walk beside me,
Help me find the way.
Teach me all that I must do
To live with him someday.

2. I am a child of God,
And so my needs are great;
Help me to understand his words
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If I but learn to do his will
I’ll live with him once more.

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Nice holidays?
Hand out Study Guides
Special guests (Chezm and Smiths families)

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References to Savior / Genesis=36 vs Moses= 268
"only begotten" / John 1 vs Moses 1
"Satan" / Chronicles, vs Moses 1
"devil" / Math 4 vs Moses 4

Welcome

Who is Jehovah?-----III Nephi 15:4-5 / Answers to Gospel Questions, pages 16 & 21
What time period does the Old Testament cover?-----From the creation to a few hundred years before Savior's birth
Where did we get the Book of Moses?-----Extract from JS translation of Bible (see sub header)
Where did we get the Book of Abraham?-----JS translation from some Egyptian papyri (see sub header)
What is the Joseph Smith Translation & where can it be found?-----Bible dictionary pg 717, first paragraph / found in scriptures and pg 797
Today's lesson will answer three questions:

- 1- Who are we?
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Not knowing these answers would be like playing a board game without knowing the rules. Moses 1 is preface to Old Testament.

There is no more damaging scripture to Satan's cause than Moses 1. How did he manage to get it deleted from the Bible?

1- God teaches that Moses is a son of God

- a. Moses 1:1-7 What did Moses learn about God?-----What did Moses learn about himself?
- b. Moses 1:6 What does similitude mean?-----What difference does it make to know we are children of God?
- c. Supplement #1 Elder Dallin H. Oaks-----What did God keep calling Moses in verse 6? / "my son" spoken 3 times
- d. Supplement #4 I Am a Child of God-----Have Chezm and Smith families sing song / help marriages & families?
- e. Moses 1:10 What does is mean "Man is nothing"?-----How can both concepts be true? (man is nothing & son of God)
- f. Moses 1:9 What can we learn from this?-----See also verse 15 / What do we learn from times of being "left alone"?

God is much more powerful than mortal men & we are nothing without Him

How does Satan make us feel like "sons of men"?

2- Satan confronts Moses; gets cast out

- a. Moses 1:12 What did Satan command Moses to do?-----Why did Satan call Moses Son of Man?
- b. Moses 1:13 How did Moses respond to "son of man"?-----Why important to teach our children they are children of God?
- c. Moses 1:16,18,20,21 How many times did Moses say "depart"?-----What does this teach us about resisting evil influences
- d. Moses 1:18,20-21,22 How did Moses resist temptations?-----How does prayer strengthen us? (v 22 shows results of constant prayer)

3- God appears and teaches of his work and glory

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- d. Moses 1:39 What is God's work and glory?-----What is immortality? What is eternal life? Who will receive each?
- e. Supplement #2 Elder James E. Faust-----One is free and one has a fee
- f. Why is it important to know God's Work and Glory?-----How can we assist Him?
- g. Supplement #3 President Gordon B. Hinckley-----How important is it to fulfill our callings? This helps the Lord's purpose.

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