

QUESTIONS TO ASK AT LDS TEMPLE OPENINGS

Evidence

- 1) What evidence is there that Jesus taught, privately or publicly, any of these LDS temple activities?
- 2) If He did so privately, then how do you reconcile that with Jesus saying He always spoke openly and said nothing in secret (John 18:20)?
- 3) Is there any evidence that the LDS temple activities were supported anywhere in the Bible, ancient Jewish rabbinic sources, or even early Christian history?

Basic Purpose and Structure

- 4) If the LDS temple is supposed to be patterned after the biblical temple, why aren't there any animal sacrifices done here (cf. 2 Chronicles 2:6)?
- 5) Where is the golden lampstand, table of showbread, and the altar of incense as prescribed in the biblical temple (Exodus 25:8-41 and 30:1-10)?
- 6) If the LDS temple is patterned after the biblical temple, where is the veil separating the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies (Ex. 26:31-34)?
- 7) If you do have a Holy of Holies, do you allow for only one priest to enter only on the Day of Atonement as the Bible prescribes (Ex. 30:10)?
- 8) What is the point of a veil when God tore it up upon Christ's death (Matthew 27:51)?
- 9) In addition to the veil, why are the washing and anointing rooms not seen on the tour?

Participants

- 10) How can temple workers today be from the various tribes of Israel when the Bible restricts priests being simply from the sons of Aaron and the tribe of Levi (Ex. 29:9, Numbers 3:6-10, 8:5-26, and 18:1-7)?
- 11) How can women be allowed into the inner courts of the temple when the Bible reserved them for certain men of the tribe of Levi?
- 12) If Jesus is our Great High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, who doesn't transfer His priesthood to the next priest because He is alive forevermore and paid the perfect sacrifice, then why do we need some other priest after the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:11-10:23)?
- 13) Isn't the order of Melchizedek reserved for someone who always performs His priestly function, saving completely, and one who is "holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens" (Heb. 7:26)?
- 14) Isn't that why Jesus' Melchizedek priesthood was described as "not transferred to another" (Heb. 7:24)?
- 15) Since Jesus was the perfect Passover, the sacrificial Lamb of God, what need is there anymore for the Aaronic or Levitical priesthood (Heb. 7:11)?
- 16) If the New Testament teaches that believers themselves are the temples of God (1 Cor. 6:19), then why think that some other temple needs to be in operation today?

Marriage

- 17) What evidence is there that wedding ceremonies were performed in the biblical temple?
- 18) Why are you expecting there to be marriage in heaven when Jesus specifically taught against this, even claiming that we will be as the angels (cf. Mat. 22:23-30, Romans 7:2, and D&C 132:19)?
- 19) Why do only temple recommend holders attend the marriage ceremonies inside the temple?
- 20) Are there any cases today in which a husband or wife may be sealed to an additional spouse for both time and eternity?
- 21) If multiple sealings occur today for time and eternity, then isn't that a form of polygamy?
- 22) Aren't these sealings conditional upon our own continual worthiness?
- 23) If sealings are conditional upon our own continual worthiness and as Apostle Jeffrey Holland stated in the video prior to entering the temple, he couldn't imagine heaven without his wife, then will Apostle Holland not make it to heaven if his wife doesn't remain faithful?
- 24) Why is it the case that a worthy temple husband knows his wife's new temple name, but the wife doesn't know her husband's new temple name?
- 25) Doesn't the worthy husband use his wife's new name in order to call his wife out of the grave to go on to exaltation and become Gods?
- 26) Why don't the brides and grooms wear the same attire they are photographed in as they do when they are sealed to each other?

Baptism for the Dead

- 27) Where in the Bible does it teach that baptism or baptism for the dead was practiced in the temple?
- 28) If you identify the LDS baptismal font in the temple with the molten sea of the Old Testament, then why was that sea only used for the priests to wash themselves prior to entering the sanctuary (cf. Ex. 30:18-20 and 2 Chron. 4:2-6, 15)?

- 29) Why think baptism for the dead is a Christian practice when the apostle said that others do it (“they” vs. “we” in 1 Cor. 15:29-30), Hebrews 9:27 says that we’ve only got this life and then there’s judgment, and Luke 16 teaches that right after death, there’s an unpassable divide between the saved and the damned (19-31)?

No Crosses

- 30) Why are there no crosses anywhere; what have you got against the cross (cf. Luke 9:23, 1 Cor. 1:18, and Galatians 6:14)?

Handshakes and Passwords

- 31) Can you show me the handshakes and tell me the passwords that you use at the veil, and why do you need these anyway?
- 32) If these handshakes and passwords are so important for my exaltation into the celestial kingdom, why won’t you share them with me now?
- 33) Given that the Bible says nothing of these handshakes and passwords, given that the symbols of the compass and the square are imprinted onto the temple garments, given that other Masonic symbols show up on early LDS architecture, and given that Joseph Smith and all the early leaders of the LDS Church were Freemasons, doesn’t it make more sense that the temple ceremony is influenced from Masonry rather than the Bible?

Light Mindedness or Loud Laughter

- 34) Why do you covenant in the temple ceremony not to have any “light mindedness or loud laughter” when the Lord laughs and creates loud laughter for His glory (Gen. 21:6, Job 8:21, Psalm 2:2-4, 37:12-13, and 126:2)?
- 35) If this prohibition of “light mindedness or loud laughter” is simply reserved for inside the temple, then in the context in which this prohibition is stated, is it also permissible to speak evil of the Lord’s anointed, take God’s name in vain, and commit “every other unholy and impure practice” so long as it’s done outside the temple?

God or Gods

- 36) Why are separate people involved in the LDS temple account of creation—Elohim sending out Jehovah and Michael to perform the work—when the God of the Bible says that He did it all alone and by Himself (Isaiah 44:24)?
- 37) Do you consider Elohim, Jehovah, and Michael separate Gods as Abraham 4-5 in the Pearl of Great Price say, and if so, how do you reconcile that with Isa. 43:10 or 44:6 and 8?
- 38) Why isn’t the Holy Spirit mentioned in the temple creation account as He is in Genesis 1:2?
- 39) If Michael is a God, then do you think that the Gods can sin, since the temple ceremony teaches that Michael became Adam?

Lucifer

- 40) Why do you follow Lucifer’s command to Adam and Eve in putting on your fig leaf aprons in the temple ceremony?
- 41) Why do you wear those aprons throughout the ceremony and are even buried in them when God gave Adam and Eve animal skins for coverings in the Bible (Gen. 3:21)?
- 42) Do you believe Lucifer when he says in the temple ceremony that the Father also gained His knowledge by eating of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil?
- 43) If so, do you believe the Father sinned?
- 44) Do you believe Lucifer has authority to answer your prayers as he did with Adam in the temple ceremony when he prayed, “O God, hear the words of my mouth”?
- 45) Could Lucifer have answered your prayer concerning the truthfulness of the LDS Church?
- 46) Do you believe Lucifer in the temple ceremony when he says that if they “do not walk up to every covenant they make at these altars in this temple this day, they will be in my power”?

Personal Worthiness

- 47) “Do you consider yourself worthy in every way to enter the temple and participate in temple ordinances” (Temple Recommend Question #14)?
- 48) “Do you keep all the covenants you made in the temple” (Temple Recommend Question #12)?
- 49) If yes to the two previous questions, then do you consider yourself perfect and without any sin?
- 50) If yes to the previous question, then is God’s word lying when it says that we deceive ourselves if we say we have no sin (1 John 1:8 and 10)?

To watch the entire LDS temple ceremony online filmed with a hidden camera, see www.youtube.com/user/Newnamenoah.