## ARE YOU A

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Millions today are working to attain Godhood. They are trying to reach this state by faithfully following Mormon teachings. Are you on this path, or are you on a different road?

- Joseph F. Smith, Mormon prophet, is quoted as saying: "Our Father in Heaven at one time passed through a life and death and is an exalted man." (Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. 1, pg. 10)
- In the Bible (KJV) we see the following: "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." (Mal. 3:6)
- According to the Bible, we see God does not change. Is there a contradiction? What does Joseph Smith say? "I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will now refute that idea, and take away the veil, so that you may see...he was once a man like us..." (The Teachings of the Prophet Joseph F. Smith, pg. 345-346)
- God disagrees: "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 not God formed, neither shall be after me." (Is. 43:10)
- ♦ How many Gods are there? According to Brigham Young there are many. "How many Gods there are, I do not know. But there never was a time when there was not Gods and worlds, and when men were not passing through. That course has been from all eternity." (Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, Vol. 11, pg. 333)

- But God says otherwise: "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me..." (Is. 46:9)
- According to Brigham Young we become a God by living a polygamous lifestyle: "The only men who become Gods, even the Sons of God, are those who enter into polygamy." (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 11, pg. 269)
- ♦ You say, "Wait! That has been changed." Not according to Doctrines and Covenants (132:#4-6).
- But even if it was changed who wants to base Godhood on ever-changing doctrine?
- ◆ God says in His Word: "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." (Ps. 119:89) "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him." (Prov. 30:5)
- ♦ What else do Mormons teach? "God himself, the Father of us all, is a glorified, exalted, immortal, resurrected man." (Mormon Doctrine by Bruce R. McConkie pg. 643)
- The Bible says: "Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; THERE IS NONE ELSE BESIDE HIM." (Deut. 4:35)
  - "For thou are great, and doest wondrous things: THOU ART GOD ALONE." (Ps. 86:10)
    "Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." (Is. 44:6)

- Adam and Eve were the first to follow this Mormon doctrine of desiring to be a God. "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, "Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die: And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:3-5)
- Adam and Eve to be cast from the garden? Don't try to be something you can't. You can have a right relationship with God. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Rom. 10:9,10)
- You must ask Jesus to forgive you of your sin and save you. You can't save yourself. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8,9)

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