

AN ANSWER
TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS IN RELATION
TO THE HISTORY AND DOCTRINE OF
THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS AND THE
SETTLEMENT AND PROGRESS OF UTAH
TERRITORY.

REVELATION ON CELESTIAL MARRI-
AGE, GIVEN TO JOSEPH SMITH, NAU-
VOO, JULY 12TH, 1843.

(Concluded.)
And again, verily I say, whomsoever
you bless, I will bless, and whomsoever
you curse, I will curse, saith the Lord;
for I, the Lord, am thy God.

And again, verily I say unto you, my
servant Joseph, that whatsoever you
give on earth, and to whomsoever you
give any one on earth, by my word, and
according to my law, it shall be visited
with blessings, and not cursings, and
with my power, saith the Lord, and
shall be without condemnation on earth,
and in heaven; for I am the Lord thy
God, and will be with thee even unto
the end of the world, and through all
eternity; for verily, I seal upon you
your exaltation, and prepare a throne
for you in the kingdom of my Father,
with Abraham your father. Behold, I
have seen your sacrifices, and will for-
give all your sins; I have seen your
sacrifices, in obedience to that which I
have said; and therefore, and I will
make a way for your escape, as I accept-
ed the offering of Abraham, of his son
Isaac.

Verily I say unto you, a command-
ment I give unto mine handmaid,
Emma Smith, your wife, whom I have
given unto you, that she stay herself,
and partake not of that which I com-
manded you to offer unto her; for I did
it saith the Lord, to prove you all, as I
did Abraham; and that I might require
an offering at your hand, by covenant
and sacrifice; and let mine handmaid,
Emma Smith, receive all those that
have been given unto my servant
Joseph, and who are virtuous and pure
before me; and those who are not pure,
and have said they were pure, shall be
destroyed, saith the Lord God; for I am
the Lord thy God, and ye shall obey my
voice; and I give unto my servant
Joseph, that he shall be made ruler
over many things; for he hath been
faithful over a few things, and from
henceforth I will strengthen him.

And I command mine handmaid,
Emma Smith, to abide and cleave unto
my servant Joseph, and to none else.
But if she will not abide this command-
ment, she shall be destroyed, saith the
Lord; for I am the Lord thy God, and
will destroy her, if she abide not in my
law; but if she will not abide this com-
mandment, she shall be destroyed, saith
the Lord; and I will bless him, and
multiply him, and give unto him an
hundred fold in this world, of fathers
and mothers, brothers and sisters,
houses and lands, wives and children,
and crowns of eternal lives in the eter-
nal worlds. And again, verily I say,
let mine handmaid forgive my servant
Joseph his trespasses; and then shall
she be forgiven her trespasses, wherein
she hath trespassed against me; and I,
the Lord thy God, will bless her, and
multiply her, and make her heart to
rejoice.

And again, I say, let not my servant
Joseph put his property out of his
hands, lest an enemy come and destroy
him; for Satan seeketh to destroy; for I
am the Lord thy God, and he is my ser-
vant; and behold! and lo, I am with
him, as I was with Abraham, thy
father, even unto his exaltation and
glory.

Now, as touching the law of the
Priesthood, there are many things per-
taining thereunto. Verily, if a man be
called of my Father, as was Aaron, of
mine own voice, and by the voice of
him that sent me, and I have endowed
him with the keys of the power of this
Priesthood, if he do anything in my
name, and according to my law, and by
my word, he will not commit sin, and I
will justify him. Let no one, therefore,
set on my servant Joseph; for I will
justify him; for he shall do the sacrifice
which I require at his hands, for his
transgressions, saith the Lord, your
God.

And again, as pertaining to the law
of the Priesthood, if any man espouse
a virgin, and desire to espouse another,
and the first give her consent; and if
he espouse the second, and they are vir-
gins, and have vowed to no other man,
then is he justified; he cannot commit
adultery, for they are given unto him;
for he cannot commit adultery with
that that belongeth unto him, and to
none else; and if he have ten virgins
given unto him by this law, he cannot
commit adultery, for they belong to
him, and they are given unto him;
therefore is he justified. But if one, or
either of the ten virgins, after she is
espoused, shall be with another man,
she has committed adultery, and shall
be destroyed; for they are given unto
him to multiply and replenish the
earth, according to my commandment,
and to fulfil the promise which was
given by my Father before the founda-
tion of the world; and for their exalta-
tion in the eternal worlds, that they
may bear the souls of men; for herein
is the work of my Father, continually,
that He may be glorified.

And again, verily I say unto
you, if any man have a wife who holds
the keys of this power, and he teaches
unto her the law of my Priesthood, as
pertaining to these things, then shall
she believe, and administer unto him,
or she shall be destroyed, saith the Lord
your God; for I will destroy her, for I
will magnify my name upon all those
who receive and abide in my law.
Therefore, it shall be lawful in me, if
she receive not this law, for him to re-
ceive all things, whatsoever I, the Lord
thy God, will give unto him, because
she did not administer unto him accord-
ing to my word; and she then becomes
the transgressor; and he is exempt from
the law of Sarah, who administered
unto Abraham according to the law,
when I commanded Abraham to take
Hagar to wife. And now, as pertaining
to this law, verily I say unto you,
I will reveal more unto you, here-
after; therefore, let this suffice for the
present. Behold, I am Alpha and
Omega. Amen.

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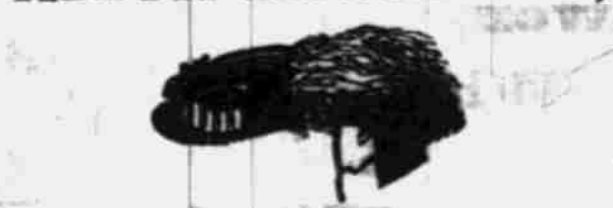
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