

Mormons Hope to Become Gods of Their Own Worlds Procreating Endless Numbers of Children

(Quotes from LDS Leaders)

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The LDS scriptures declare that the ultimate goal of a Mormon is to become a god and procreate for all eternity.

The *Doctrine & Covenants* states:

19 And again, verily I say unto you, **if a man marry a wife by my word**, which is my law, and by the new and everlasting covenant, . . . Ye shall come forth in the first resurrection; . . . and shall inherit thrones, kingdoms, principalities, and powers, dominions, . . . and they shall pass by the angels, and **the gods**, which are set there, to their exaltation and glory in all things, as hath been sealed upon their heads, which glory shall be a **fulness and a continuation of the seeds forever and ever**.

20 Then shall **they be gods**, because they have no end; therefore shall they be from everlasting to everlasting, because they continue; then shall they be above all, because all things are subject unto them. **Then shall they be gods**, because they have all power, and the angels are subject unto them.

21 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **except ye abide my law ye cannot attain to this glory**.

22 For strait is the gate, and narrow the way that leadeth unto **the exaltation and continuation of the lives**, and few there be that find it, because ye receive me not in the world neither do ye know me. (*Doctrine and Covenants* 132:19-22)

Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., *Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 1, pp. 69-70:

THE STRAITNESS OF THE WAY. Mortality is the testing or proving ground for exaltation to find out who among the children of God are worthy to **become Gods themselves**, and the Lord has informed us that “few there be that find it.”

Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., *Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 1, pp. 97-98:

ALL EXALTED MEN BECOME GODS. To believe that Adam is **a god** should not be strange to any person who accepts the Bible. When Jesus was accused of blasphemy because he claimed to be the Son of God, he answered the Jews: “Is it not written in your law, I said,

Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?”

Joseph Smith taught a **plurality of gods**, and that **man** by obeying the commandments of God and keeping the whole law will **eventually** reach the power and exaltation by which **he also will become a god**.

Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., *Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 2, p. 9:

What is **eternal life**? It is to have “**a continuation of the seeds forever and ever**.” No one receives eternal life except those who receive the exaltation. Eternal life is the greatest gift of God; immortality is not.

Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., *Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 2, p. 39:

SONS OF GOD BECOME GODS. If the faithful, who keep the commandments of the Father, are his sons, then they are heirs of the kingdom and shall receive of the fulness of the Father’s glory, even until they become like the Father. And how can they be perfect as their Father in heaven is perfect if they are not like him? . . . And if they receive his fulness and his glory, and if “all things are theirs, whether life or death, or things present, or things to come, all are theirs,” how can they receive these blessings and not become gods? They cannot.

Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., *Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 2, p. 44:

Parents will have eternal claim upon their posterity and will have **the gift of eternal increase**, if they obtain the **exaltation**. This is the crowning glory in the kingdom of God, and they will have no end. When the Lord says they will have no end, he means that all who attain to this glory will have the blessing of the **continuation of the “seeds” forever**. Those who fail to obtain this blessing come to the “deaths,” which means that they will have **no increase**, forever. All who obtain this exaltation will have the privilege of completing the full measure of their existence, and they will have **a posterity that will be as innumerable as the stars of heaven**.

If you want salvation in the **fullest**, that is **exaltation** in the kingdom of God, so that you may become his sons

and his daughters, you have got to go into the **temple** of the Lord and receive these holy ordinances which belong to that house, which cannot be had elsewhere.

Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., *Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 2, p. 48:

The Father has promised us that through our faithfulness we shall be blessed with the fulness of his kingdom. In other words we will have the privilege of **becoming like him**. To become like him we must have **all the powers of godhood; thus a man and his wife when glorified will have spirit children who eventually will go on an earth** like this one we are on and pass **through the same kind of experiences, being subject to mortal conditions**, and if faithful, then they also will receive the fulness of exaltation and partake of the same blessings. **There is no end to this development; it will go on forever. We will become gods and have jurisdiction over worlds, and these worlds will be peopled by our own offspring.** We will have an endless eternity for this.

B. H. Roberts, *The Mormon Doctrine of Deity*, pp. 276-284, quotes approvingly Orson Pratt's view of heaven:

"We would find, were we to carry this subject from world to world, from our world to another, even to the endless ages of eternity, that **there never was a time but what there was a Father and Son**. In other words when you entertain that which is endless, you exclude the idea of first being, a first world; the moment you admit of a first, you limit the idea of endless. * * *

"Says one, 'this is incomprehensible.' It may be so in some respects. We can admit, though, that duration is endless, for it is impossible for man to conceive of a limit to it. If duration is endless there can never be a first minute, a first hour, or first period; endless duration in the past is made up of a continuation of endless successive moments—it had no beginning. Precisely so with regard to this endless succession of personages; **there never will be a time when fathers, and sons, and worlds will not exist; neither was there ever a period through all the past ages of duration, but what there was a world, and a Father and Son, a redemption and exaltation to the fullness and power of the Godhead.**

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"How very plain it is when we once learn about our future heaven. We do not have to pray, according to the Methodists, for the Lord to take us to a land beyond time and space, the Saints, secure abode. How inconsistent to look for a heaven beyond space! The heaven of the Saints is something we can look forward to in the confident hope of realizing our inheritances and enjoying them forever, when the earth becomes sanctified and made new. And there, as here, we will spread forth, **and multiply our children**. How long? For eternity. **What, resurrected Saints have children? Yes, the same as our God**, who is the Father of our spirits; so you, if you are faithful to

the end, will become fathers to your sons and daughters, who will be as **innumerable** as the sands upon the sea shore; **they will be your children, and you will be their heavenly fathers, the same as our heavenly Father is Father to us**, and they will belong to your kingdoms through all the vast ages of eternity, the same as we will belong to our father's kingdom."

Encyclopedia of Mormonism, vol. 2:

GODHOOD

Logically and naturally, the ultimate desire of a loving Supreme Being is to help his children enjoy all that he enjoys. **For Latter-day Saints, the term "godhood" denotes the attainment of such a state—one of having all divine attributes and doing as God does and being as God is.** Such a state is to be enjoyed by all exalted, embodied, intelligent beings (see Deification; Eternal Progression; Exaltation; God; Perfection). The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints teaches that all resurrected and perfected mortals **become gods** (cf. Gen. 3:22; Matt. 5:48). They will dwell again with God the Father, and live and act like him in endless worlds of happiness, power, love, glory, and knowledge; above all, they will have the power of **procreating endless lives**. Latter-day Saints believe that **Jesus Christ attained godhood** (see Christology) and that he marked the path and led the way for others likewise to **become exalted divine beings** by following him (cf. John 14:3).

Bruce R. McConkie, *The Millennial Messiah*, p. 708:

Of those who enter the **Lord's order of matrimony** and who keep their covenants . . . , the Lord says: "They shall pass by the angels, and the gods, . . . to their exaltation and glory in all things, . . . which glory shall be a fulness and **a continuation of the seeds forever and ever.**" That is to say, eternal life consists of two things: (1) the continuation of the family unit in eternity, which means **a continuation of the seeds or the everlasting begetting of children**; and (2) the receipt of the fulness of the glory of the Father, which is all power in heaven and on earth.

Milton R. Hunter, *Pearl of Great Price Commentary*, pp. 144-145:

Later the Prophet Joseph explained what the revelation [D&C 132] meant by the statement, "which glory shall be a fulness and **a continuation of the seeds forever and ever.**" He pointed out that **the Gods were to be parents of spirit-children** just as our Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother were the parents of the people of this earth. Following are the words of the Prophet:

Except a man and his wife enter into an everlasting covenant and be married for eternity,

... they will **cease** to increase when they die; that is, they will **not** have any children after the resurrection. But those who are married by the power and authority of the Priesthood in this life, and continue without committing the sin against the Holy Ghost, **will continue to increase and have children in the celestial glory.**

Milton R. Hunter, *LDS Conference Report*, April 1949, p. 71:

The Prophet Joseph Smith explained that this continuation of “the seeds” forever and ever, **meant the power of procreation**; in other words, the power to **beget spirit children** on the same principle as **we were born to our Heavenly Parents, God the Eternal Father and our Eternal Mother**. Therefore, a man cannot receive the highest exaltation without a woman, his wife, nor can a woman be exalted without her husband. That is the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the plan of salvation.

Journal of Discourses, vol. 2, pp. 85-86, Orson Hyde, October 6, 1854:

When the servants of God and their wives go to heaven there is an eternal union, and **they will multiply and replenish the world to which they are going.**

Journal of Discourses, vol. 22, p. 125, George Q. Cannon, October 31, 1880:

Every man and every woman who prays unto the Father, who is in the habit of doing so, expresses that desire in his or her prayer—that we may be counted worthy to receive celestial glory and **exaltation** in the presence of God and the Lamb. . . . When we talk about celestial glory, we talk of the condition of endless increase; if we obtain celestial glory in the fullest sense of the word, then we have **wives and children in eternity**, we have the **power of endless lives** granted unto us, the **power of propagation** that will endure through all eternity, all being fathers and mothers in eternity; fathers of fathers, and mothers of mothers, kings and queens, priests and priestesses, and shall I say more? **Yes, all becoming gods.**

Also see Joseph Smith’s King Follet Sermon and Plurality of Gods Sermon.

Does The Bible Teach Multiple Gods, Eternal Marriage, and endless children? NO!

There is only one God, who has eternally existed:

Isaiah 43:10-11: *I am he: **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, and the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.***

Isaiah 44:6: *Thus saith the LORD . . . I am the first, and I am the last; and **beside me there is no God.***

Isaiah 45:22: . . . *and there is **no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. . . . I am God, and there is none else.***

Isaiah 42:8: *I am the LORD: that is my name: and **my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.***

The Bible never equates Eternal Life with marriage and parenthood. It is promised to ALL who have come to Christ for salvation.

I John 5:12: *He that **hath the Son hath life**, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

Luke 20: 35-36: *But they which shall be accounted **worthy** to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, **neither marry, nor are given in marriage**: Neither can they die any more; for they are equal unto the angels; and are the **children of God**, being the children of the resurrection.*

We are not children of God by procreation but by spiritual adoption.

John 1:12: *But as many as **received him**, to them gave he power to **become the sons of God**, even to them that **believe** on his name.*

Galatians 3:26: *For ye are all the **children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.***

