Study Guide 20  
Unit 11: Nauvoo Revelations: The Restoration of Eternal Marriage and Plural Marriage

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Instructions:  The purpose of the study guide is to direct your course of study of the Foundations of the Restoration, and assist you to focus on important salient points of your reading and study. The study guides are due on Learning Suite each class period by **8:59 am**. Your upload should only include the questions with your answers highlighted in yellow.

**Church History:**

**People (Go to JosephSmithPapers.org and search under Reference and People):**

**Places (Look at the Maps in your Scriptures):**

**D&C 49:15-17**

1. Why are those who oppose marriage or forbid others to marry directly opposing God?
   1. Because the measure of our creation is to receive exaltation in God’s kingdom and the only way to do that is with a spouse. Because God is married, opposing marriage opposes God.

**D&C 131**

1. What is eternal increase (**see also D&C 132:19**)?
   1. It means being exalted and having an eternal posterity, inheriting all of the blessings God enjoys.
2. Who can discern or see spirit matter?
   1. Those with pure eyes

**D&C 132**

1. According to the Section heading, when was the principle of Celestial Marriage **first revealed** to Joseph Smith, and what question, on the part of Joseph Smith, prompted this revelation (Vs 1)?
   1. The revelation was recorded in 1843, but some of the principles were known as early as 1831.
   2. Joseph asked the Lord why He allowed old testament prophets and kings such as Abraham, Jacob, and David to have many wives and concumbines.
2. What **two** conditions of the law of eternal marriage are necessary for a marriage to be valid after death and into the eternities (**see vs 7 or 19)**?
   1. Both spouses must keep there covenants made to be faithful and follow the commandments.
   2. The marriage covenant needs to be sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise.
3. What were some of the promise given to Abraham, and who are those promise also extended to **(See verses 29-31)**?
   1. Abraham was promised an innumerable posterity, and exaltation in God’s kingdom
   2. These promises are extended to all who enter into the house of Israel through keeping God’s commandments.
4. In verses 34-39 Jesus gives a few examples of Ancient Prophets who practiced plural marriage under His direction. Share insights gained/something learned from reading these 6 verses.
   1. God gave these ancient prophets multiple wives and they were able to have much posterity. Plural marriage is ok when God commands it, but is a sin otherwise.

**11.1 GT: Plural Marriage**

1. In your own words, what are **at least 3** ways plural marriage “shaped 19th-century” Mormons?
   1. It gave the saints a unique identity as a peculiar people who put the Lord first
   2. It tested the Saints faith and brought many people closer to God during the trial
   3. It gave virtually everyone a chance to be married and allowed more women to marry into stable households.
2. The article says, “***The revelation on marriage stated general principles; it did not explain how to implement plural marriage in all its particulars.”*** Why do you think this may cause confusion in the lives of the Saints trying to obey this divine mandate?
   1. This would cause confusion because marrying multiple wives would be a very foreign and strange expectation and if you didn’t know how to go about it, then it could be difficult.
3. How many wives did 2/3 of polygamist men have?
   1. Two wives at a time
4. True or False? All Latter-day Saints were expected to live the principle of Polygamy
   1. False
5. What eventually happened between the Latter-day Saints and the United States Government that put the work of salvation for ourselves and our ancestors in jeapordy?
   1. Anti-polygamy laws were put forth by the government, and one such law allowed the government to seize church property if they disobeyed. This mean to temple’s could’ve been taken away, halting the work of salvation.
6. Were there any plural marriages performed after President Wilford Woodruff’s Manifest (OD 1)?
   1. Yes
   2. **“Introduction to Joseph Smith's Polygamy" Website**

**Here, we wanted to provide you with an awesome resource to learn more about polygamy in your own personal time outside of your coursework (Whether it is sometime later in the semester, or well after you leave our class or even BYU). It is essentially a “one stop shop” for everything polygamy!**

1. Click one any hyperlinked area of the website and explore. Tell us what you clicked on, and something you found/learned/thought was interesting.
   1. I clicked on the “Common Questions” section. I learned that Joseph Smith had sexual relations with less than half of is plural wives.
2. Share your act/planned act of service for this week:
   1. I will do some extra chores that my wife normally does.