***Study Guide 4***

Unit 3: The Restoration of New Scripture: The Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon

D&C JSH 1:27-75, 3, 5:2-8, 10, 17

Article 3.1

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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):**

Moroni

Alvin Smith

Emma Smith

Martin Harris

Oliver Cowdery

David Whitmer

Charles Anthon

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

Harmony, PA  
Fayette, NY

**POGP JSH 1:27-75**

1. What were the circumstances surrounding the reception of this revelation? [see Joseph Smith-History 1:27–30)]
   1. Joseph had fallen into sins dealing with levity and associating with jovial company and we was praying to God for forgiveness and to no his standing before God.
2. According to verse 54, what did Moroni teach Joseph Smith at each of the annual meetings between 1824 and 1827? What is the significance of this?
   1. Moroni taught Joseph about how the Lord was going to restore Christ’s church to the earth and in what manner this was to happen. This is significant because it shows that God wanted to make sure that Joseph was properly trained before commencing the work. It shows that God gives us knowledge little by little until we are ready to accomplish His works.
3. Who was it in this dispensation that said, “I cannot read a sealed book”? Compare this with the Old Testament Prophecy found in Isaiah 29:9-12. What did you find?
   1. Dr. Charles Anthon said that.
   2. I found that what happened with Martin Harris and Charles Anthon is a direct fulfillment of the prophecy found in Isaiah 29.

**D&C 3**

1. The lost 116 pgs of manuscript were lost by Martin Harris in the summer of 1828 and were from the part of the Book of Mormon called the Book of Lehi
2. List at least three the concerns, shortcomings, or mistakes that JS made that resulted in losing the 116 pages of manuscript (see D&C 3:4-8)?
   1. Set at naught the counsels of God and followed carnal desires
   2. Transgressed God’s commands and fell into the persuasions of men
   3. Feared man more than God

**D&C 5**

1. What is an interesting principle you can draw from Martin Harris’s counsel from God regarding talents as found in verses 3-4?
   1. God gives us gifts and talents so we can use them for His purposes. They only way we can receive more gifts is by showing gratitude for our current gifts by actually using them.

**D&C 10**

1. What was the cunning plan of the Devil to destroy Joseph and the work of God (see vs 6-12, 15-18, 31-33)?
   1. Satan planned to destroy Joseph and God’s work by inspiring wicked men to alter the writings of the 116 pages so that when Joseph retranslated it, it would look like he was a fraud.
2. What instructions did the Lord give to the Prophet Joseph Smith regarding the retranslation of the 116 pages of lost manuscript from the Book of Mormon (see vs 30, 31, 38-43)?
   1. The Lord told Joseph not to re-translate the book of Lehi, but to start translating the record of Nephi down to the time of King Benjamin, because Nephi was inspired to write all of the important things found on the plates of Lehi.

**D&C 17**

1. The Lord revealed that the Three Witnesses would be privileged to see 5 sacred objects from the Book of Mormon. Name them.
   1. The Plates
   2. The breastplate
   3. The sword of Laban
   4. The Urim and Thummim
   5. The Liahona

**3.1 Joseph The Seer**

1. After reading this article, explain what it means to be a “Seer?”
   1. A seer is one who sees special things that God sees fit for the seer to see. This could be seeing the future, seeing revelations from God, or seeing a place even when not present.
2. After reading this article, share what the Seer Stones were used for, and what they prove? It may be useful, depending on your answer, to keep in mind that according the article, Joseph Smith eventually “matured… in his spiritual understanding” and no longer required the use of Seer Stones.”
   1. Seer stones were used by Joseph originally to find lost objects and treasures, but later in life he departed from folk magic and channeled his use of seer stones towards translating the Book of Mormon. Seer stones prove that God still uses objects to aide in revelation as he did in Bible times. However seer stones aren’t necessary to receive revelation and has Joseph matured he stopped using seer stones to translate things.
3. Relating this knowledge to our modern-day Prophets and Apostles, what does it mean to you that we have living Prophets, Seers, and Revelators leading the Lord’s Church right now?
   1. It means that I can have confidence that God will always keep the church on the right track. The ancient church fell into apostasy because the Apostles were killed off and revelation ceased. I know that because we now have a council of Prophets and Apostles on the earth that God speaks through them and that they will never lead us astray.