Study Guide 8

Unit 5: The Restoration of Scripture

D&C 24:3-5; 35:20; 45:60-62; 76:15-19; 91; 124:89-90;   
D&C 77; 113, Articles 5.1, 5.2

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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 24:3-5**

1. Why do you think the Lord holds the scriptures to be so valuable that He puts such emphasis on proper translation?
   1. Because the scriptures are literally God’s word, and he wants to make sure His word gets to his children in its pure form.

**D&C 35:20**

1. Building off of the last question, with this additional scripture in mind, explain why a better understanding of how much the Lord values scriptures enhances a desire to study them better yourself.
   1. God knows everything and knows what is best for us. He wants to save as many of his children as possible. Because we are mere mortals with limited knowledge, when I hear that Almighty God values the scriptures, it motivates me to read them because I know that he knows what is best for me.

**D&C 45:60-62**

1. What is the promise of fulfilling the Lord’s exhortation to finish translating the Bible? Why do you think this promise is the same for anything the Lord asks of us?
   1. The lord promised that great things would come to pass. I believe that this is the Lord’s standing promise for keeping his commandments because he is a loving God. He won’t ask us to do anything that isn’t in our best interest.

**D&C 76:15-19**

1. What steps did the Prophet take to gain understanding of scriptures in this Section? How can you learn from this example?
   1. Joseph read the scriptures diligently and pondered their meaning. Then he went to the Lord in prayer to expand his understanding. I can follow this example of reading, pondering, and asking. This method is a lot more affective than just reading.

**D&C 124:89-90**

1. Name two specific blessing listed for William Law should he preach the Gospel and aid in the publication of the JST?
   1. The Lord promised that he would not be forsaken, and his family will not be found begging for bread.

**D&C 91**

1. What is the Apocrypha (also see “apocrypha” in the *Bible Dictionary*) and what led to this revelation?
   1. The apocrypha is a compilation of writings dating back to before Christ that were not included in the canonization of the Bible, but some believe they are inspired.
   2. Joseph was translating the old testament and came across the Apocrypha and asked the Lord if he should translate it.
2. What did the Lord say about reading the Apocrypha?
   1. He said that there are some things that are true in it and some things that are not true. He said that if one has the spirit with them then it is fine to read it, but its not mandatory that anyone read it.

**D&C 77, 113**

1. Out of these explanations of different Old Testament scriptures and Q&A responses with the Lord, list something you learned that you hadn’t before, or something you believe to be valuable insight, and why you believe it to be significant.
   1. I learned that he Stem of Jesse is Jesus Christ. I remember hearing that phrase in the Isaiah chapters in the book of Mormon, but I wasn’t exactly sure what it meant. This is important because Christ is the cornerstone of our religion, and it is important to know when He is referenced in scripture.

**5.1 BD “Joseph Smith Translation”**

1. It took the Prophet Joseph 3 years to complete his first round of divinely translating the King James version of the Bible from Genesis of the Old Testament to Revelation in the New Testament (1830-1833). For how many years after this did he revisit and modify the Translation?
   1. He continued for 11 years until his death in 1844.
2. According to the last paragraph, what are two reasons the JST is important to utilize and consult while studying the Holy Bible?
   1. It is a very fruitful source of information to students of the scriptures
   2. It is a witness of the divine calling of Joseph Smith.

**5.2 GS “Joseph Smith Translation”**

1. Who published the first complete edition of the JST? When was it published?
   1. The RLDS church
   2. 1867
2. The Pearl of Great Price includes the Book of Moses, which is the Joseph Smith Translation of Genesis chapters 1-5. It also includes the JST of Matthew chapter 23:39 and chapter 24. These, and all other JST study tools provide special insights on various scripture stories. Regarding the Joseph Smith Translation, how has it enhanced your own personal study? If it hasn’t, how are you going to begin implementing it in your own personal study?
   1. The scriptures can be hard to understand at times because they were written so long ago in different languages than English and things can get lost in translation. If I ever run into a passage I don’t understand , the first thing I do is check to see if there is a JST footnote. Often times the JST has given me insight to understand what the passage is saying.