

Good morning!

Couple of things I'd to say before I jump in to some of the questions that have already been sent in. Yesterday, we announced that we have copies of the scriptures available for those in need, those that cannot afford to buy them. And we had a number of people come up to us and get copies but we still have a number left. I don't have the exact count yet but if you know of someone, perhaps in your fellowship, who would be in need, who could not afford to buy scriptures and that would benefit from having a set, please come and see us. We'd be happy to send a copy with you to take back to them. That's the whole purpose of these and even if it is not for you or it is for somebody you know, please don't hesitate to come and see us and we'll have them and get up a table in the corner of the foyer in just a little bit.

Also, I noticed some of the questions that have come in can I think easily be answered if you take a look at the official announcement that we have posted on scriptures.info under the conferences tab. I wasn't adlibbing yesterday, I was simply reading and so everything you heard is on that official announcement and so any details that you might not be clear on, take a look there first because it may answer the questions that you have.

So, I'm not going to be answering every question that has come in so far but I'm going to try to do my best with some of them. And the first few is, my best is, I'm going to let Denver answer them. Some have asked about new revelation that's contained in the scriptures that may not be through Denver Snuffer. There is new revelation in there that was not directly through Denver Snuffer and so there are concerns about authenticating it and accepting it and again, Denver is going to address that topic in his comments. Also, it's been brought up a number of times why do we need to sustain a set of scriptures rather than simply accepting them as scripture. And again, that's a topic that Denver will touch on in his comments.

It was asked about adding such things as Apocrypha, the Apocrypha or missing books of scriptures. I think the Lord already addressed that in the, what would be the new section 32 and you're familiar with it. I don't remember what the LDS section number is but the Lord's already addressed the idea of Apocrypha and the scriptures so I would say the answer comes from Him and not me.

We've been asked about the sections that were chosen to be put into the D&C. Did they come from the current LDS edition? Did they come from the Book of Commandments? Did they come from the 1835 D&C? We started simply with a list from the modern LDS scriptures and then worked our way backwards from there but every single section that is in there has been vetted through looking at, looking for the earliest extant transcript and only accepting the material that was in that and only after we were able to authenticate it as coming through Joseph Smith. It was pointed out there may be a few other revelations that came through Joseph Smith that are not in there, if you find one and you can authenticate that it came through Joseph Smith, please send it in. We'd be happy to have that included, we don't want to miss out on anything.

It was also asked about adding such things as Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith or Denver's 10 lectures and other materials. A lot of those things are teachings. They're already public, published in book form and would simply add bulk to the actual scriptures. And it's felt that unless we're dealing with actual revelation from the Lord rather than teachings through his servants, they're more appropriately kept in their current form and not adopted into the scriptures.

I was asked to point out that the three large library books basically that I had up here, the new scriptures the way they stand now, they are hefty. When we do get a set of scriptures that are published on Bible stock paper with leather... faux leather covers and such, they'll be much smaller, they'll be a little bit more manageable. And for some people that's going to be important so we will keep you updated, if we have a particular important announcement, I'm sure we can get Denver to probably make that announcement on his blog and perhaps on some other blogs that people pay quite a bit of attention to.

It was pointed out and we thought that this was very interesting, a woman sent a concern about one of the sections in the D&C and that it may have not been appropriately attributed and that it may be a little dubious. So, we did some digging as a group last night to find out and it is possible that there is questionable source to that and if we can validate that it's not as solid a source as we thought it was, we'll be happy to remove it. And hopefully this is a good demonstration of how this process is to work. If you find something that you really question its need to be there don't hesitate to speak up, but please make sure that you can offer some solid arguments and you can back up your points either with historical facts or with scripture to really cause us to question what's going on. We're not the ones driving this boat, we're the doing the grunt work and it's really up to all of you because this will be our scriptures, not the committee's scriptures. It's up to you to tell us. We've already had a few people who have offered submissions to be considered, to be added, and we haven't had a chance even to look through those yet but that's how this process is to work. It's from you to us, us to basically try and vet it to make sure it fits at some fairly rigid criteria and then put it out there and hopefully hear from enough people to say, yeah it should be there, or no it shouldn't.

The last thing I'd like to say, I didn't want to say anything but... Some of the tone of the few of the emails that come in, to me just carry a hint of fear in them. There's concern and the red flag to me is a rigidity in perspective, that things have to be exactly and precisely right and I thank God that he can see my heart and look past all the crap on the outside. Because in my mind I imagine the two kids that when you walk in the kitchen and they've created a total disaster in the kitchen and they look at you and say, 'hey dad look at what we made for you.' And I can only imagine the Lord on a daily basis shaking His head with a grin on His face looking at me going, 'well, at least he tried.' And so... when you... I know that there are those, because I was raised this way, I know that there are those that try to live their life as perfectly as they can. But that in a sense it's an impossibility, but God understands that, He went through that Himself. So, we have to recognize that He doesn't expect us to have everything exactly and precisely correct because He's going to look under the hood, He's going to look at our hearts and take a look at what our intent is. And if our intent is correct, this goes back to being of one heart before we

have to be of one mind. We don't have everything correct if we're trying to do everything the Lord has asked of us. I don't want to get into particulars about the emails there was one very personal one that... that touched me and hopefully they'll reconsider their own personal concerns. But when you submit your concerns about are we getting this right, recognize that the Lord knows what we're trying to do. And as long as we're trying to get it right, ff we don't get it all right, He'll let us know if it's one of those things that has got to be corrected and if it's one of those things that it's not going to hurt if it's here versus there or if it's this way versus that way. Again, let's focus on the content and not worry so much about its delivery. And I think the Lord, you know, He uses that same standard with us.

Anyway, I've taken up enough of your time. Please continue to use the restorationscriptures2017@gmail.com to voice your thoughts to us. And all of the things that have come in, we're going to distill down into their essentials and they will be posted on scriptures.info under the conferences tab, on the submissions list document that you can download, whenever you want. And we'll try to keep it up-to-date as much as possible and so you can see what's going on, what people are thinking about, what they're concerned about, and hopefully the process will work.

Thanks for your time.