

## The Greatest Truths In All Eternity

The Greatest Truth in all eternity surely has to be that there is a God, who is also a Father, and that being a Father, he must have children, and that in the very nature of parent-child relations those children can become like Him. This is the greatest truth, and is the beginning of the Plan of happiness.

The Second Greatest Truth in all eternity revolves around the fact that this Father has a Son who is His Only Begotten in mortality, and that through the atoning sacrifice of this Only Begotten Son, all the terms and conditions and provisions of the Father's Plan for his children to become like him are put into effect. This is the second greatest truth, and follows on from the Greatest Truth.

The Third Greatest Truth in all eternity is that the children of the Father can communicate with their Father through the Holy Ghost and can learn of Him and grow like Him through this Spirit which guides, teaches, bears witness, comforts, protects, sanctifies, justifies, and seals the Father's children by covenant through priesthood ordinances.

These statements of truth only begin to address the breadth and depth of truth and power contained in the first Article of Faith:

**"We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in his Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."**

Could it not be that the first Article of Faith is the most important and the greatest one of all?

The Prophet Joseph has said that *"it is the first principle of the Gospel to know for a certainty the Character of God, and to know that we may converse with him as one man converses with another, and that he was once a man like us; yea, that God himself, the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth, the same as Jesus Christ did"* [JPJS p 345-6].

When we understand and accept the simple but profound truths recorded above, then we begin to see the great importance of the Holy Scriptures, as letters sent to us from a loving Father, to guide us in our journey here below. Oftentimes we will pray for comfort or for answers to a difficulty, and if we are familiar with the scriptures our minds will be directed to them for our answers. But if we are not familiar with the scriptures we will not know where to go when the Spirit prompts us. The Lord assumes that we will be familiar with his words, so then he can teach us from them when our need is great.

**"AND IT SUPPOSETH ME THAT THEY HAVE COME UP HITHER TO HEAR THE PLEASING WORD OF GOD, YEA, THE WORD WHICH HEALETH THE WOUNDED SOUL."**

[Jacob 2:8]

**"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH."**

[Psalm 119:105]