

LESSON 6

Avoiding A Faith Crisis

TODAY'S KEY WORD:

Think Celestial

TODAY'S MAIN POINT:

Will you keep an eternal perspective when you have earthly concerns?

“And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great Mediator of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil...” (2 Nephi 2:27).

GARDEN OF EDEN



COMMAND

Eat or do not eat the tree of knowledge of good and evil

KEY POINT OF DECISION—
AGENCY: “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, nevertheless, thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee; but, remember that I forbid it, for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Moses 3:17).

STAY
GO
Fall of Adam

IMMORTALITY

Results: No spiritual death and no physical death...and all the blessings and cursings of staying in the Garden of Eden forever

MORTALITY

Results: Spiritual death and physical death...and all the blessings and cursings of coming to earth.

“And because that they are redeemed from the fall they have become free forever, knowing good from evil; to act for themselves and not to be acted upon, save it be by the punishment of the law at the great and last day, according to the commandments which God hath given” (2 Nephi 2:26).

MORTALITY

AGENCY

Earth Life

GOOD
EVIL

LIBERTY

ETERNAL LIFE
Righteousness, Obedience, Joy, Happiness, Christ, Freedom

CAPTIVITY

Power of the Devil
Wickedness, Disobedience, Sadness, Bitterness, Devilish, Spiritual Death

KEY POINT OF DECISION—
OPPOSITION: “Wherefore, the Lord God gave unto man that he should act for himself. Wherefore, man could not act for himself save it should be that he was enticed by the one or the other” (2 Nephi 2:16).

“Wherefore, men are free according to the flesh; and all things are given them which are expedient unto man. And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great Mediator of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil; for he seeketh that all men might be miserable like unto himself” (2 Nephi 2:27)



WEEKLY Q&A

Answer these questions in your study journal.

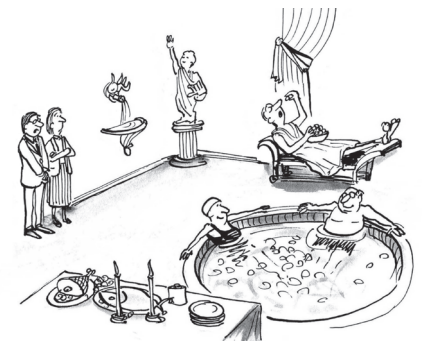
Label each part of the plan of salvation:



What types of people were described in Lehi's vision of the tree of life?






- 1 Nephi 8:14–16
- 1 Nephi 8:17–18
- 1 Nephi 8:21–23
- 1 Nephi 8:24–25, 28
- 1 Nephi 8:26–27
- 1 Nephi 8:30
- 1 Nephi 8:31–32
- 1 Nephi 8:33
- 1 Nephi 11:28
- 1 Nephi 11:32–33
- 1 Nephi 11:34–36
- 1 Nephi 15:24–25

“When you make choices, I invite you to take the long view—an eternal view. Put Jesus Christ first because your eternal life is dependent upon your faith in Him and in His Atonement” (Russell Nelson, October 2023)



“No, I did not picture the Celestial Kingdom to be like this.”

What is the role of Jesus Christ in the plan of salvation?

Pre-Earth	Earth	Spirit World	Resurrection	Judgment
<p>Birth</p>  <p>What is the role of Jesus Christ in our pre-earth life?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham 3:24 • Abraham 3:27 • Moses 4:1-2 	<p>Death</p>  <p>What is the role of Jesus Christ in the creation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moses 2:1 • Mosiah 4:2 • D&C 14:9 	 <p>What is the role of Jesus Christ in the Spirit World?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Peter 3:19-20 • 1 Peter 4:6 • D&C 138:12-9 	 <p>What is the role of Jesus Christ in the resurrection?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah 25:8 • Alma 11:42 • Helaman 14:17 	 <p>What is the role of Jesus Christ in the judgment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Nephi 9:14-15 • 2 Nephi 28:23 • Alma 12:12-15
<p>What else is the plan of salvation known as?</p> <p>• Alma 41:2 _____</p> <p>• 42:5 _____</p> <p>• 42:8 _____</p> <p>• 42:11 _____</p> <p>• 42:15 _____</p>	<p>How does Jesus help us while we are on the earth?</p> <p>• Alma 7:11-13</p>	<p>What is the role of Jesus Christ in the Celestial?</p> <p>• D&C 76:50-70 (note v 62)</p>	<p>What is the role of Jesus Christ in the Terrestrial?</p> <p>• D&C 76:71-80 (note v 77)</p>	<p>What is the role of Jesus Christ in the Telestial?</p> <p>• D&C 76:81-91 (note v 86)</p>

How can you resolve any earthy concerns with an eternal perspective?



HOMWORK

Choose any topic where you have a question, concern, or doubt and examine it through an eternal lens. Use your head and heart as you study this topic “by study and also by faith” (D&C 88:118) using reliable sources and the Spirit. Answer these questions: [1] What is epicenter of your concern and why will it matter when you are dead? [2] What do the scriptures and General Authorities say about this topic? [3] What is the Holy Ghost whispering to your head and heart? [4] How can you reframe your conclusions from an eternal perspective? [5] Will you take the eternal view, even if the issue is not yet resolved in your head and heart?