



"The Promises . . . Shall Be Fulfilled"

Show Notes

Podcast General Description:

Follow Him: A *Come, Follow Me* Podcast with Hank Smith & John Bytheway

Do you ever feel that preparing for your weekly *Come, Follow Me* lesson falls short? Join hosts Hank Smith and John Bytheway as they interview experts to make your study for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' *Come, Follow Me* course not only enjoyable but original and educational. If you are looking for resources to make your study fresh, faithful, and fun--no matter your age--then join us every Sunday.

Podcast Episode 18 Description:

Part 1:

Does opposition lead to more revelation? (Hint: Yes!). The Saints move to the Ohio and experience opposition, false reports, and hardships. Dr. Brent Top discusses how the parallels the opposition the Saints are experiencing parallel the Last Days. Dr. Top reminds listeners that the Saints should rejoice because the Lord's promises are listed four times more than the desolation prophecies. Join us as we learn why Advocate is John's favorite title of the Lord.

Part 2:

Will the Lord come like a "woman in travail" or a "thief in the night?" Dr. Brent Top continues his discussion of the signs of the times and teaches how the Lord encourages us four times more than warnings. Join John, Hank, and Dr. Top for Part II as they discuss how our relationship to the Lord is what we should focus on and then we will be in a position to recognize when He comes because we will be near Him.

Timecode:

Part 1

- *00:00* Introduction to the Podcast
- *00:19* Illustrious John
- *00:49* Brent Top Introduction
- *03:53* Background to the Section
- *06:39* Opposition Starts
- *08:44* JST brings Second Coming Understanding
- *10:08* Karl G. Maeser Joins Church Due to AntiMormon Book
- *12:29* Opening of the Revelations Are the Lord Are Hearken and Trust
- *14:52* The Lord Has Bled for Us--He Has Our Back
- *18:30* Mercy is Something We Haven't Earned
- *20:13* Advocate: The Title John Loves
- *23:03* Scripture Bridge to Old Testament and Enoch
- *25:59* JST Intertwined with Doctrine and Covenants
- *32:02* First Word is Hearken in Section 45
- *33:02* Joseph Smith Matthew is Bridge and Commentary to Doctrine and Covenants 45
- *35:00* Section 45 Teaches the Gathering of Israel Takes Place on Both Sides of the Veil
- *38:06* Desolating Sickness to Cover the Land in the Last Days
- *45:01* Why the Saints Shouldn't Be Troubled by These Trials
- *46:28* The Fig Leaves are Sprouting by Jesus has Our Backs
- *47:46* When Jesus Appears on the Mount of Olives He Will State He Was Crucified in the House of My Friends
- *49:50* End of Part I

Part 2

- *00:00* Welcome to Part II
- *01:13* Ratio of Lord's Counsel vs. Warning in Section 45
- *05:00* Dr. Top's Confidence in God Helps with Anxiety
- *06:07* God Will Be With Zion in the Last Days and Will Swallow Up Any Threat
- *09:22* Reminder That Section 45 Isn't a Negative Section
- *12:14* Prepper Kits Won't Help Us If We Haven't Filled Our Souls with Righteousness
- *13:51* Virtue is the Power of Christ: Not Just Moral Cleanliness

- 15:08 Dr. Top's Personal Experience as a Temple Sealer
- 17:21 Hank Shares How Parable of the Ten Virgins Relates to Us and Why We Can't Share Our Oil
- 19:45 Two Metaphors for Jesus's Sudden Return Depend on Our Relationship: Laboring Mother or Thief
- 23:31 Why We Can't Put the Signs of the Second Coming in Sequential Order
- 26:45 What the Lord Means When He Says "Quickly" or "Soon"
- 28:51 Gathering Includes People From All Faiths
- 32:13 Jesus Appears to the Lamanites in the Americas
- 33:20 Bishop of Stockholm Great Friend to the Church
- 34:20 Holy Envy of Great Parts of Other Faiths
- 38:40 Dr Top Shares Story of High School Friend Who Joined Church But Didn't Know Dr. Top was LDS
- 43:00 Dr. Top's Closing Testimony
- 58:53 End of Podcast

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