

EPISODE 29

Dr. Craig K. Manscill



D & C 77-80

"I Will Lead You Along"

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 Description:

Part 1:

Have you had a question you would ask the Lord? Joseph and Sydney Rigdon asked the Lord about specific parts of the book of Revelation. They received answers that help us understand mercy, the Second Coming, and the language of symbolism. Dr. Craig Manscill teaches how Doctrine and Covenants 77 helps us understand how God reveals his mysteries to the earnest and devoted seekers.

Part 2:

Dr. Manscill continues to discuss the United Firm, the Law of Consecration, and tithing. The early Saints were called to meet both temporal and spiritual needs as we are today. We discuss how the Church provides covenants as well as material assistance to advance the cause of Zion. Meet some early Saints (as well as modern Saints) who served where they were called and received gifts from the Lord.

Timecode:

Part 1

- 00:00 Welcome to followHIM with Hank Smith and John Bytheway
- 01:11 Introduction of Dr. Craig Manscill
- 03:15 Background to Section 77
- 07:53 How to use Section 77 to understand the Book of Revelation
- 12:02 John the Revelator's vision on the Isle of Patmos
- 14:50 What is Apocalyptic Literature?
- 17:57 The Book of Revelation is a book of hope: Jesus Christ prevails
- 20:30 Section 77 is Section with 15 Questions and Answers and begins with question about Revelation 4:6
- 24:40 The Lord as Creator and the Sea of Glass
- 27:05 God sees you as you will become
- 29:03 D&C 77:2-3: The questions about the four beasts in John 4:6 and the answers are both figurative and literal
- 31:53 How to help students navigate between literal and figurative in scripture
- 34:23 Commentary on the Elders from the 7 Churches
- 37:06 Commentary on the book which was sealed with 7 seals
- 39:36 The Savior accepted the Father's Plan
- 41:25 The purpose of scripture is to teach about God
- 44:54 Discussion of the 144,000
- 50:25 Section 77 discusses the Gathering of Israel
- 52:57 Speculation may cause us to lose the Spirit when teaching
- 54:24 Eating a book is to be understood to accept a calling
- 58:31 We are commanded to feast upon the words of God
- 1:00:25 Commentary on the two prophets that die and are raised up
- 1:05:54 One purpose of Section 77 is to be a covenant-keeping people
- 1:09:33 End of Part I

Part 2:

- 00:00 Welcome to Part II
- 00:07 Section 78 background information
- 04:08 Instructions for temporal welfare of the Saints
- 06:58 Discussion of the difference between the United Firm and the Law of Consecration
- 10:33 Plan A was to build a temple in Jackson County, MO, but the Saints failed
- 13:33 Temporal issues are spiritual issues to the Lord
- 15:08 The Saints are instructed to take care of the poor and needy
- 19:16 President Gordon B. Hinckley paid back the early Saints' debts with interest
- 22:49 If can give our money, our time, and our talents to building Zion
- 26:09 The story of the widow's mite: she is allowed to give in order to receive blessings
- 27:07 The Perpetual Education Fund in the Philippines and Bolivia
- 29:09 Lydia and Edward Partridge and other wife and husbands sacrifice together
- 30:41 The mission of the Church can be summarized as live, care, invite, unite
- 32:19 Backgrounds to Sections 79 and 80
- 33:21 Jared Carter's background and two mission calls (he is called to return to where he had already served)
- 36:54 Jared Carter was to return to former mission to find John Tanner whereas others could serve wherever they chose
- 43:42 John Tanner story is a movie called "A Treasure in Heaven"
- 44:33 Dr. Manscill relates story about John Tanner's descendent and a BYU tour
- 47:12 Dr. Manscill shares his thoughts about the Restoration, Joseph Smith, and the Lord

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Courses Taught: Doctrine and Covenants, Teachings of the Living Prophets, Doctrines of the Gospel

Areas of Expertise: 19th Century Church History, South Pacific Church History, Doctrine and Covenants, Presidents of the Church, and document editing.

Areas of Research: The coming forth of the Doctrine and Covenants; Zion's Camp; The Life of Joseph Smith; and LDS History in the State of Illinois.

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