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Scriptures

- Book of Mormon
- Doctrines and Covenants
- Pearl of Great Price
- The Bible

Ten Distinctive Teachings and Practices



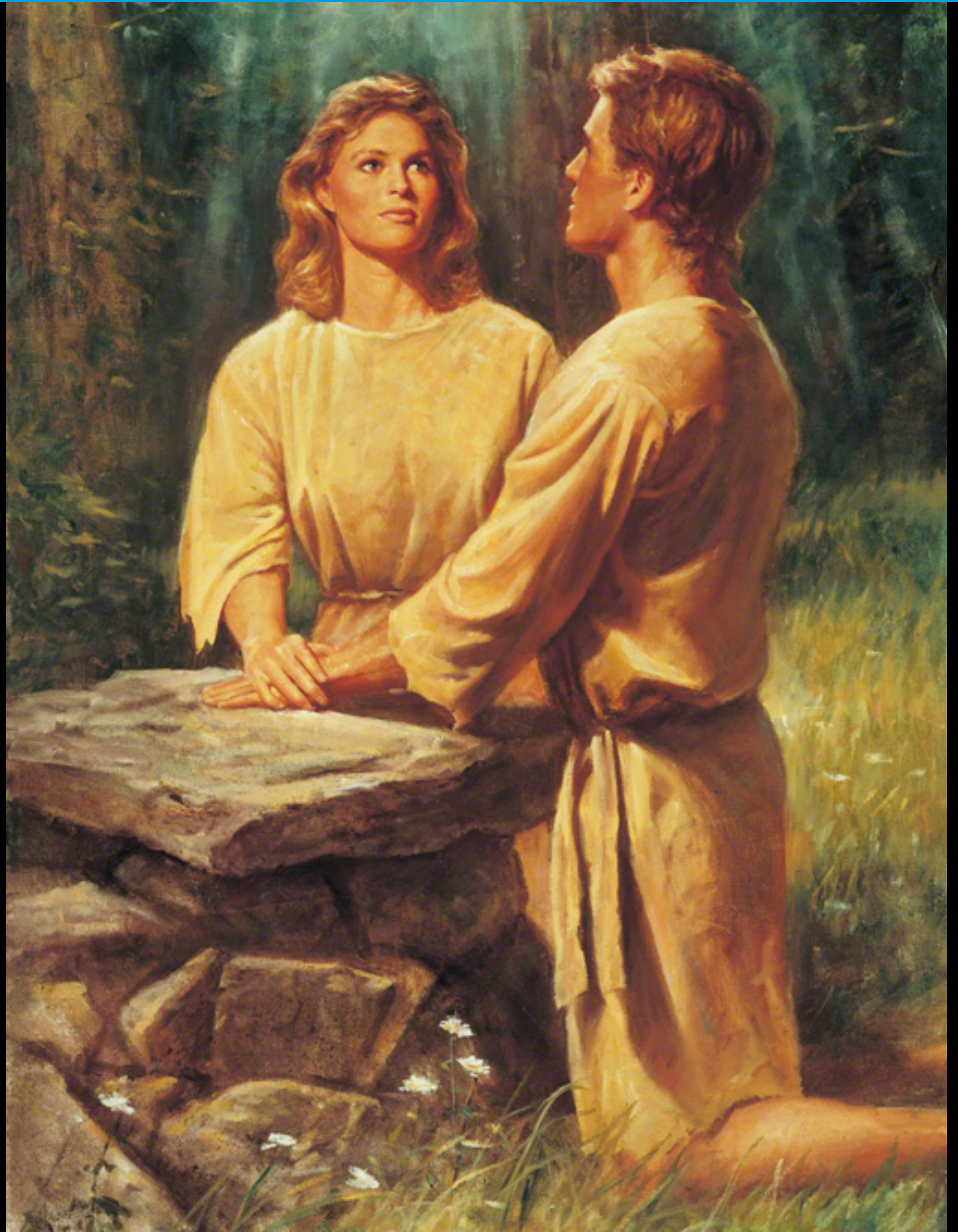
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1. A Heavenly Father and a heavenly family



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2. Adam and Eve: a fall upward



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3. Prophets



1. Joseph Smith



2. Brigham Young



3. John Taylor



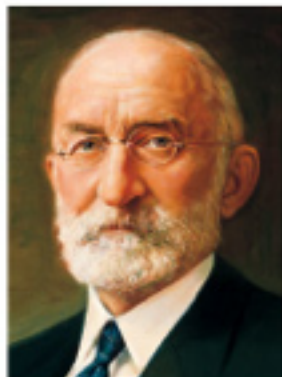
4. Wilford Woodruff



5. Lorenzo Snow



6. Joseph F. Smith



7. Heber J. Grant



8. George Albert
Smith



9. David O. McKay



10. Joseph Fielding
Smith



11. Harold B. Lee



12. Spencer W.
Kimball



13. Ezra Taft
Benson



14. Howard W.
Hunter



15. Gordon B.
Hinckley

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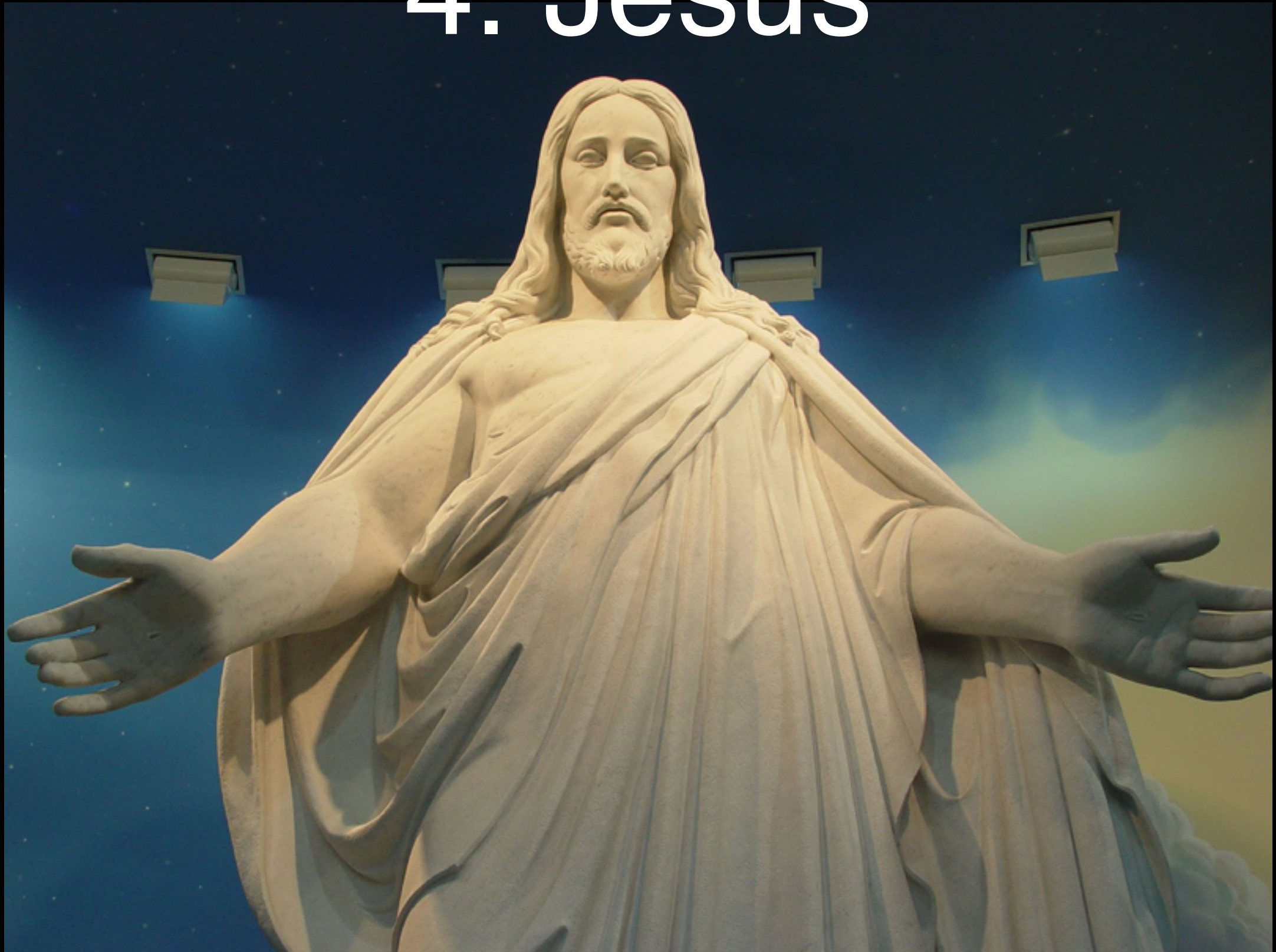
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President Thomas S. Monson:, Prophet, Seer, Revelator

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4. Jesus



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5. The Priesthood



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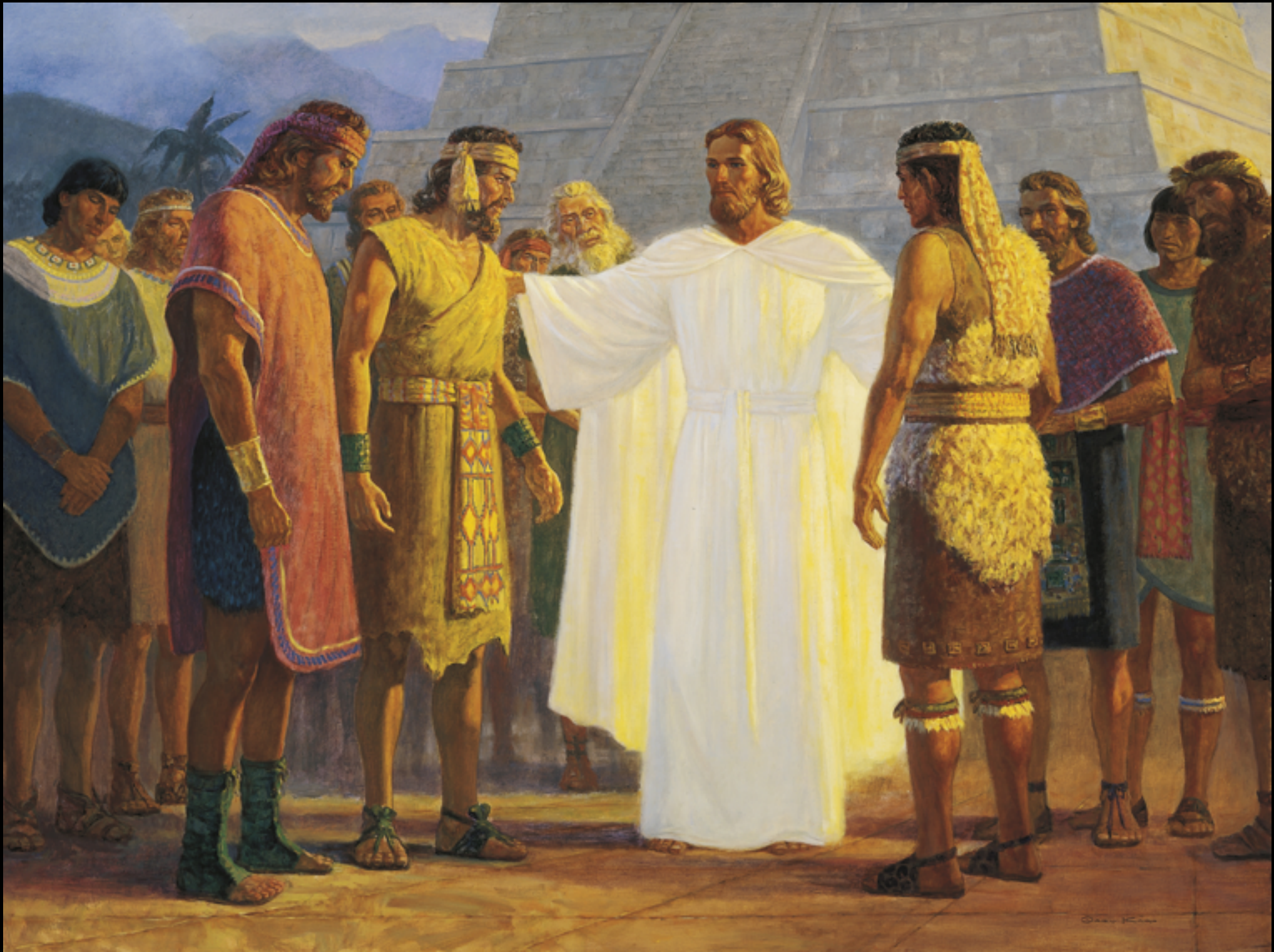
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Christ Ordaining the Twelve Apostles, by Harry Anderson, © IRI

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7. Faith, Repentance, Baptism



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8. The Temple

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9. Living the Mormon Life



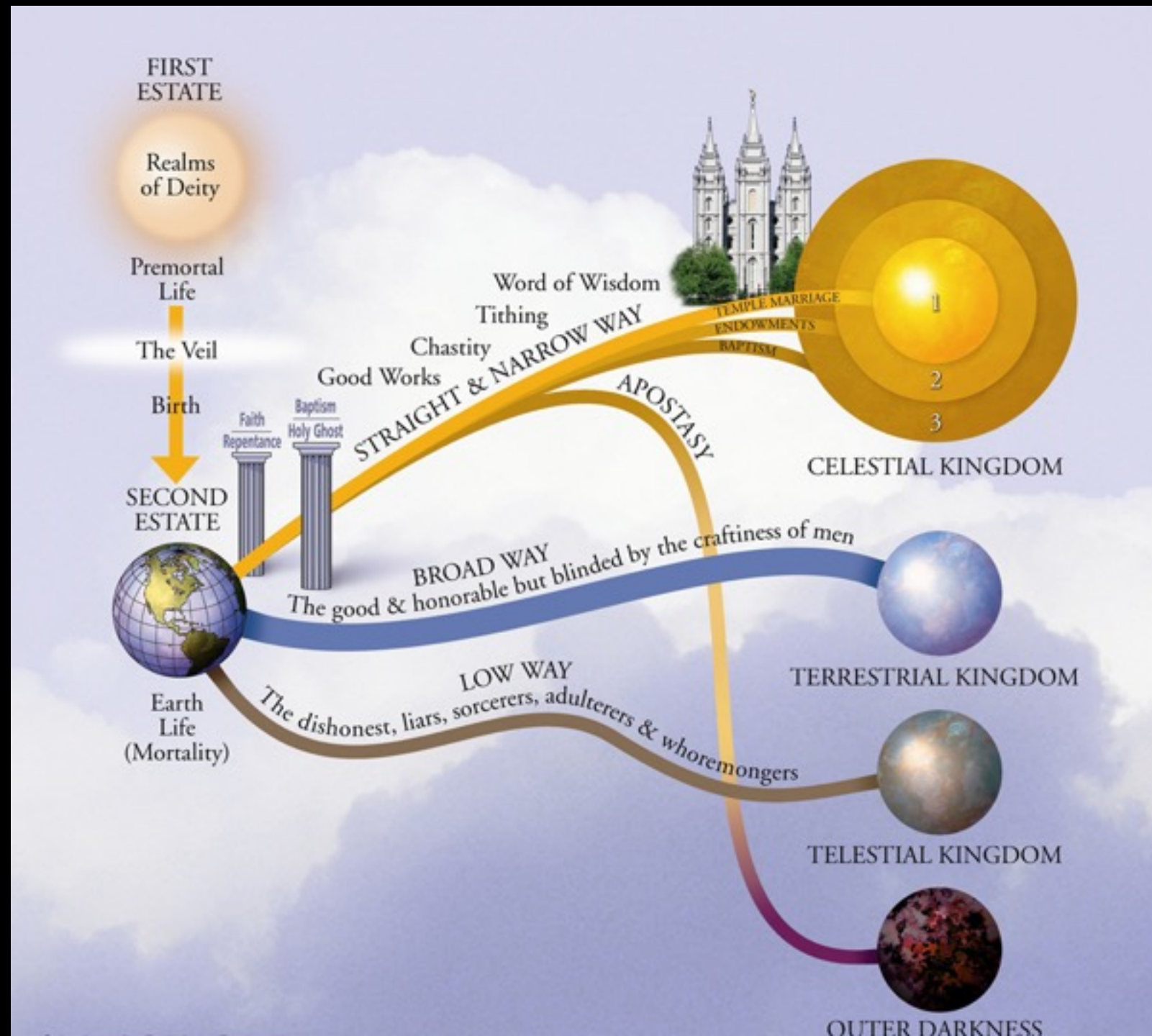
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10. Heavenly Options



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Historical Problems

1. Vision Problems

- “. . . And by searching the scriptures I found that [mankind] did not come unto the Lord but that they had apostatised (sic.) from the true and living faith and there was no society or denomination that build upon the gospel of Jesus Christ.” 1832
- “I asked the Personages . . which of all the sects was right (for at this time it had never entered into my heart that all were wrong). . .”
1838

1. Vision Problems

- “And while in the attitude of calling upon the Lord (in the 16th year of my age) . . . and I saw the (Lord) and he spake unto me saying Joseph (my son) thy sins are forgiven thee. . . I was crucified [sic] for the world . . .” 1832
- “. . . a personage appeared in the midst of this pillar of flame . . . another personage soon appeared unto the first. . . He testified unto me that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (and I saw many angels in this vision). I was about 14 years old. . .” 1835, diary

2. Book of Mormon Problems

- Anachronisms
- Ignorance of Jewish Law
- “Reformed Egyptian”

2. Book of Mormon Problems

- Lack of any Archaeological evidence
- DNA evidence
- “Fullness of the Gospel”

3. Polygamy Problems

- Joseph Smith practice “spiritual wifery” or secret plural marriage, while publicly denying it.
- Some of his “wives” were already married to other men.
- Open Polygamy under Brigham Young
- Stopped in 1890; birth of fundamentalism

4. Prophet Problems

- “ If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken.” Deut. 18:17-19
- “But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his predictions come true.” Jeremiah 28:9

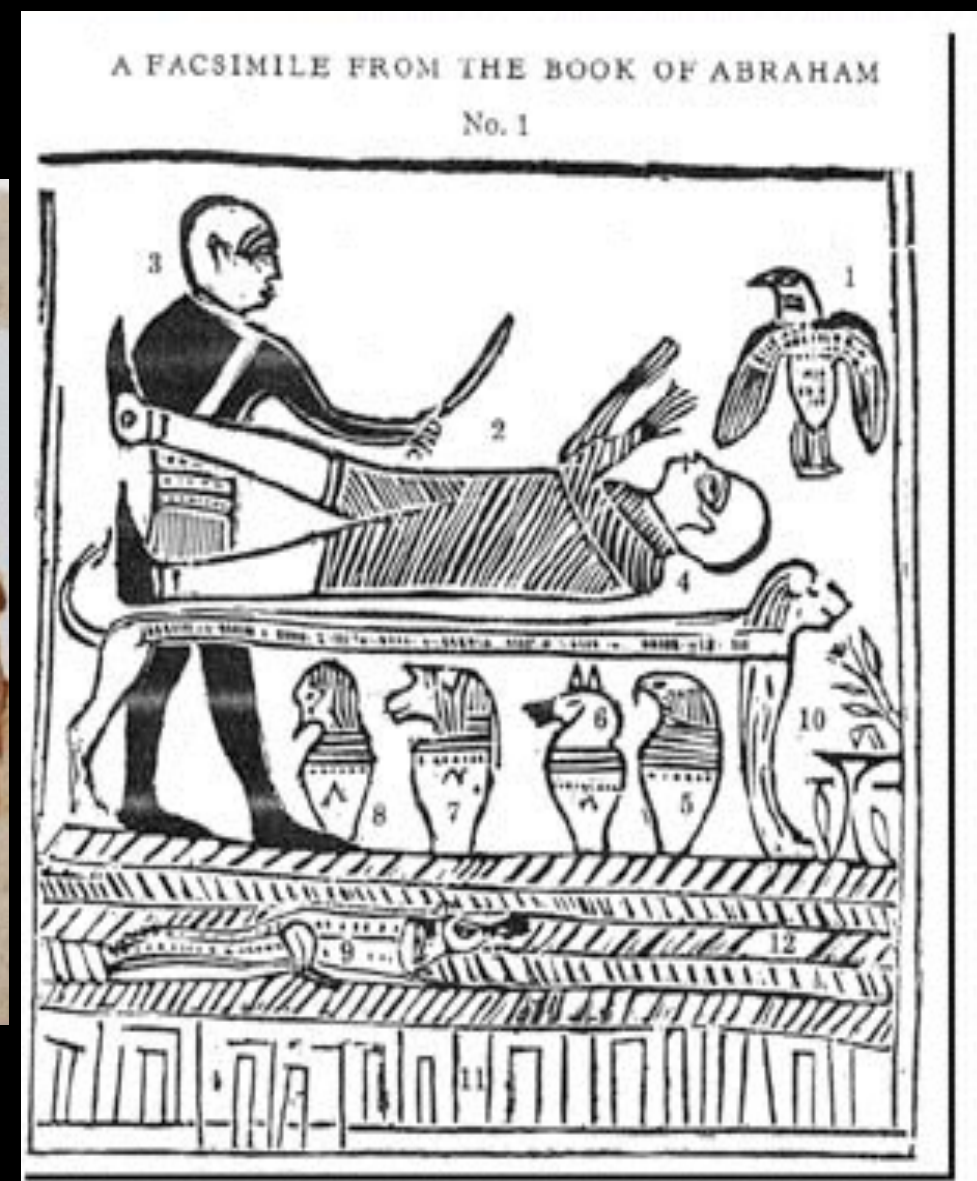
4. Prophet Problems

- 1832 “Verily, this is the word of the Lord, that the city of New Jerusalem shall be built by the gathering of the saints, beginning in this place [Missouri], even the place of the temple, which temple shall be reared in this generation. For verily this generation shall not all pass away until an house shall be built unto the Lord.” D&C 84:2-5 & 31

4. Prophet Problems

- 1833 “And I am prepared to say, by the authority of Jesus christ, that not many years shall pass away before the United States shall present such a scene of Bloodshed as has not a parallel in the history of our nation; pestilence, hail, famine, and earthquake will sweep the wicked of this generation off the face of the land . . . for there are those now living upon the earth whose eyes shall not be closed in death until they see all these things which I have spoken, fulfilled.”
History of the Church, Vol. 1, p. 315-316

5. Book of Abraham Problems



6. Racial Problems

And he had caused the cursing to come upon them, yea, even a sore cursing, because of their iniquity. For behold, they had hardened their hearts against him, that they had become like unto a flint; wherefore, as they were white, and exceedingly fair and delightsome, that they might not be enticing unto my people the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them. 2 Nephi 5:21

6. Racial Problems

And it came to pass that those Lamanites
...were numbered among the Nephites.
And their curse was taken from them, and
their skin became white like unto the
Nephites; And their young men and
daughters became exceedingly fair.
3 Nephi 2: 14-16

6. Racial Problems

“What was that mark [of Cain]? It was a mark of blackness. .. Today there are millions of descendants of Cain, through the lineage of Ham, in the world, and that mark of darkness still rests upon them.”

Wilford Woodruff, 4th President of the Church



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