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# Lectures On Faith

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## Synopsis

Lectures on Faith is a set of seven lectures on the doctrine and theology of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, first published as the "doctrine" portion of the 1835 edition of the canonical Doctrine and Covenants, but later removed. It was presented by Joseph Smith, Jr. to a group of elders in a course known as the "School of the Prophets" in the early winter of 1834-35 in Kirtland, Ohio. All content has been professionally formatted for the Kindle devices to enhance readability and provide you with the best experience possible. For more information, visit our website at: [StandardWorksApp.com/Kindle](http://StandardWorksApp.com/Kindle)

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"Faith." This small word, I think, is the key to everything, since at some point every religious and irreligious person is backed up to the wall of faith, and there they take their stand. I include irreligious, atheists, and antitheists as being faithful since it has been my experience that unbelief

takes as much work as belief. You must close your eyes to a lot of truth and say that the sun isn't shining at noon in July, which requires as much work as saying God lives in the face of the 9-11 Attacks, or famine, or dying babies. Indeed, C. S. Lewis observed, "A young man who wishes to remain a sound Atheist cannot be too careful in his reading. There are traps everywhere."

(Surprised by Joy, ch.12) In the Lectures on Faith, Joseph Smith records seven lessons that the early leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were taught in the Temple at Kirtland. These lessons are a peek into Joseph Smith's mind and reveal his rather extensive understanding of faith. The Lectures are seven and follow this outline: Lecture 1: The nature of faith is discussed. It is a principle of action and a principle of power in the temporal and in the spiritual realm. In fact, "power" is a perfect synonym for faith. In its most unlimited sense, "faith then, is the first great governing principle which has power, dominion, and authority over all things; by it they exist, by it they are upheld, by it they are changed, or by it they remain, agreeable to the will of God." Lecture 2: This lecture show the object upon which our faith exists. Our faith is based on God; and our knowledge of God is reducible to Adam's testimony as recorded in the Bible.

In his review here at [David Priest](#) makes clear that he has never read the Lectures on Faith. Instead he used his review as an attack on the LDS faith. Despite the fact that the Lectures on Faith were at one time included in the Doctrine and Covenants, they were never considered scripture. There have been many supplements included or removed from LDS standard works over time, such as poems, personal histories, maps, dictionaries, concordances, none of which are considered scripture. The lectures were not revelations but L-E-C-T-U-R-E-S given at the church school, they were considered useful, and are still used by the church today, just not published in the current edition of the Doctrine and Covenants. "Great reading if you want to see how a religion makes up its doctrines as it wishes." -David Unlike most of the ever shifting doctrines of modern christianity, the LDS teachings have remarkably remained constant. There have been many accusations that the church is secretly "changing" its teachings over time, as if no members have access to the old publications, but are only allowed to read the "new and changed" doctrines. Church critics pull a few quotes out of context in an attempt to make it appear as if past leaders taught something different. This only works though on those who have not read the actual writings, or do not know anything about the church past or present. Members don't burn their old books each year, anyone who has read the writings of Orson Pratt, James Talmage, or Joseph Smith, knows that they taught the same things as current leaders do. David is right though that the lectures on faith is a good read, I recommend it to anyone who is interested to learn what the LDS church "really" used to teach.

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