Chapitre 135

What is the password into the heavenly society?

"For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified ... that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:2, 5).

The password into the heavenly society is "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." That is all that you and I have any business to know anything about. That is His message to the world. That is the passport.

"What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something of which to boast, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness'" (Rom. 4:1-3). What was it that was accounted to Abraham for righteousness? He believed God. When God said a thing, Abraham believed it. He said, "that is so." "And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it [his faith] to him for righteousness" (Gen 15:6).

Now do you believe that Abraham became righteous in just that way? Honestly now, do you? Do you know that it was as simple a transaction as that? Suppose the Lord called you and me out tonight. No, He can do it without calling us out. He called Abraham outdoors to show him the stars, but He can show us sins without calling us outdoors.

Has He shown you a great many sins? Now He says, If you are able to number them, "they shall be white as snow." What do you say? Amen. Then what does the Lord say? "You are righteous." Are you? Do people become righteous as easy as that? Is it as simple a transaction as that? Yes, amen. Thank the Lord!

The only thing that can keep you and me out of

the kingdom of God is to tell the Lord that He lies. [1]

Note:

1. General Conference Bulletin, pp. 378, 379.