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This is Scripture Roundtable 32 from The Interpreter Foundation, in which we discuss Doctrine & Covenants Gospel Doctrine Lesson #28, "[O God, Where Art Thou?](#)," focusing on D&C 121, 122, and 123, bringing in various insights to help us better understand the scriptures. These roundtables will generally follow the 2013 Gospel Doctrine schedule of scriptures, a few weeks ahead of time.

Some of the interesting discussion in this roundtable includes:

- Historical setting for D&C 121, 122, 123: Joseph Smith in Liberty Jail and the tensions surrounding the "Mormon War" of 1838
- Discussion of the LDS Theodicy as presented in those sections
- This life is for us to gain experience, even and especially when that is hard, in order to make us more empathetic and Godlike.

Here is the link to "[Sin, Suffering, and Soul-Making: Joseph Smith on the Problem of Evil](#)," by Blake T. Ostler and David L. Paulsen, as mentioned in the roundtable.

Panelists for this roundtable include [Andrew Smith](#), [Cassandra Hedelius](#), [Lincoln Hale](#), and [Stephen Smoot](#).

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