

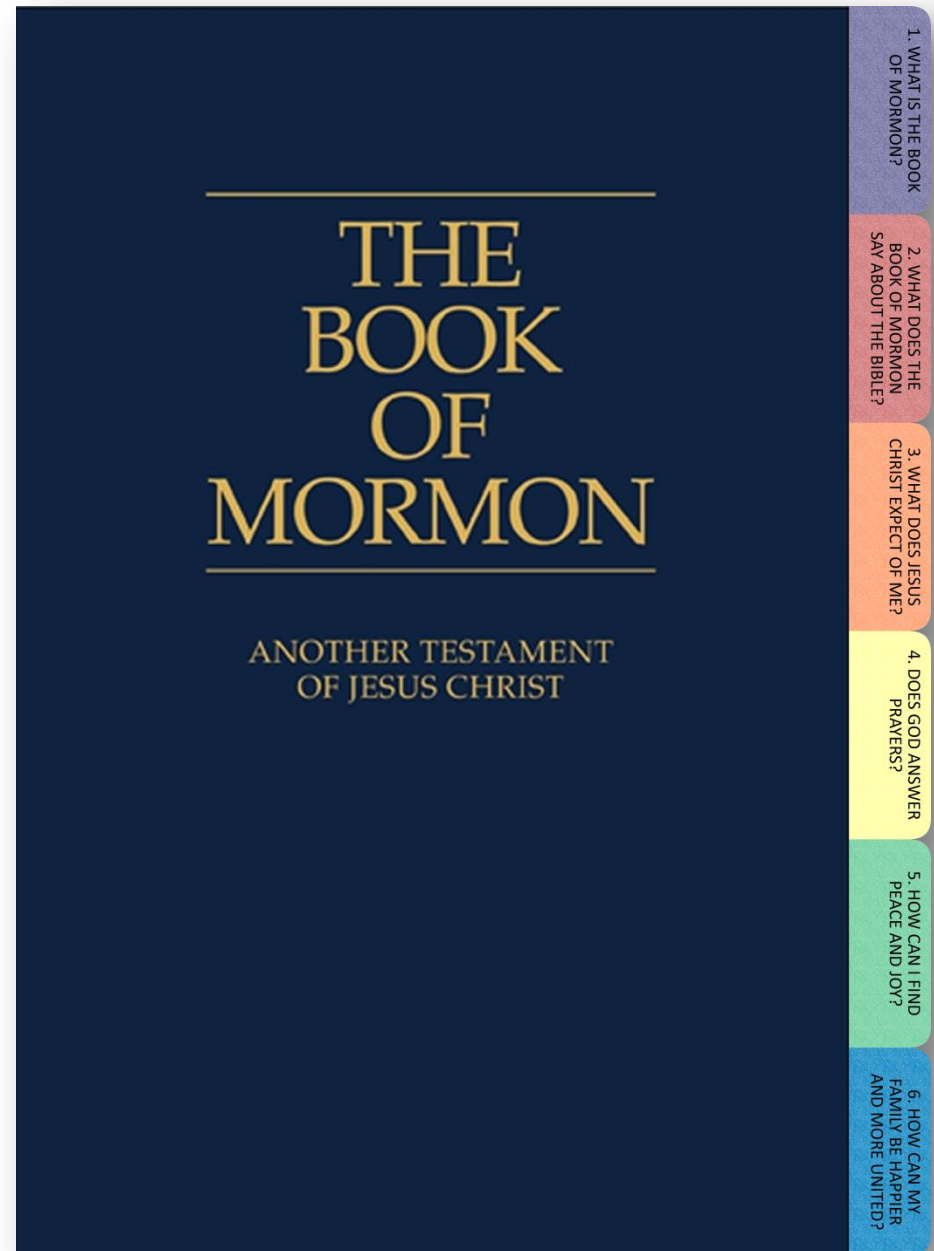
# Preparing a **Tabbed** and **Marked** copy of **The Book of Mormon**

*“The Book of Mormon, combined with the Spirit, is our most powerful resource in conversion. It provides powerful evidence for the divinity of Christ. It is also proof of the Restoration through the Prophet Joseph Smith. An essential part of conversion is receiving a witness from the Holy Ghost that the Book of Mormon is true.”*

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## General Tabbing Instructions

- Always place the tab on the left side of the page even if the scripture is on the right side.
- Marking style is a personal choice. You may frame the entire scriptural passage or you may highlight only the verse numbers.
- Marking tool is a personal choice. Wet highlighters may bleed through the page.
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## INTRODUCTION

The Book of Mormon is a volume of holy scripture comparable to the Bible. It is a record of God's dealings with ancient inhabitants of the Americas and contains the fulness of the everlasting gospel.

The book was written by many ancient prophets by the spirit of prophecy and revelation. Their words, written on gold plates, were quoted and abridged by a prophet-historian named Mormon. The record gives an account of two great civilizations. One came from Jerusalem in 600 B.C. and afterward separated into two nations, known as the Nephites and the Lamanites. The other came much earlier when the Lord confounded the tongues at the Tower of Babel. This group is known as the Jaredites. After thousands of years, all were destroyed except the Lamanites, and they are among the ancestors of the American Indians.

The crowning event recorded in the Book of Mormon is the personal ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ among the Nephites soon after His resurrection. It puts forth the doctrines of the gospel, outlines the plan of salvation, and tells men what they must do to gain peace in this life and eternal salvation in the life to come.

After Mormon completed his writings, he delivered the account to his son Moroni, who added a few words of his own and hid up the plates in the Hill Cumorah. On September 21, 1823, the same Moroni, then a glorified, resurrected being, appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith and instructed him relative to the ancient record and its destined translation into the English language.

In due course the plates were delivered to Joseph Smith, who translated them by the gift and power of God. The record is now published in many languages as a new and additional witness that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God and that all who will come unto Him and obey the laws and ordinances of His gospel may be saved.

Concerning this record the Prophet Joseph Smith said: "I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book."

In addition to Joseph Smith, the Lord provided for eleven others to see the gold plates for themselves and to be special witnesses of the truth and divinity of the Book of Mormon. Their written testimonies are included herewith as "The Testimony of Three Witnesses" and "The Testimony of Eight Witnesses."

We invite all men everywhere to read the Book of Mormon, to ponder in their hearts the message it contains, and then to ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ if the book is true. Those who pursue this course and ask in faith will gain a testimony of its truth and divinity by the power of the Holy Ghost. (See Moroni 10:3-5.)

Those who gain this divine witness from the Holy Spirit will also come to know by the same power that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world, that Joseph Smith is His revelator and prophet in these last days, and that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the Lord's kingdom once again established on the earth, preparatory to the Second Coming of the Messiah.

AND it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, saying: Look! And I looked and beheld many nations and kingdoms.

2 And the angel said unto me: What beholdest thou? And I said: I behold many <sup>a</sup>nations and kingdoms.

3 And he said unto me: These are the nations and kingdoms of the Gentiles.

4 And it came to pass that I saw among the nations of the <sup>a</sup>Gentiles the formation of a <sup>b</sup>great church.

5 And the angel said unto me: Behold the formation of a <sup>c</sup>church which is most abominable above all other churches, which <sup>b</sup>slayeth the saints of God, yea, and tortureth them and bindeth them down, and yoketh them with a <sup>y</sup>oke of iron, and bringeth them down into captivity.

6 And it came to pass that I beheld this <sup>a</sup>great and <sup>b</sup>abominable church; and I saw the <sup>c</sup>devil that he was the founder of it.

7 And I also saw <sup>a</sup>gold, and silver, and silks, and scarlets, and fine-twined <sup>b</sup>linen, and all manner of precious clothing; and I saw many harlots.

8 And the angel spake unto me, saying: Behold the gold, and the silver, and the silks, and the scarlets, and the fine-twined linen, and the precious clothing, and the harlots, are the <sup>a</sup>desires of this great and abominable church.

9 And also for the <sup>a</sup>praise of the world do they <sup>b</sup>destroy the saints of God, and bring them down into captivity.

10 And it came to pass that I looked and beheld many waters; and they

divided the Gentiles from the seed of my brethren.

11 And it came to pass that the angel said unto me: Behold the wrath of God is upon the seed of thy brethren.

12 And I looked and beheld a man among the Gentiles, who was separated from the seed of my brethren by the many waters; and I beheld the Spirit of God, that it came down and <sup>w</sup>rought upon the man; and he went forth upon the many waters, even unto the seed of my brethren, who were in the promised land.

13 And it came to pass that I beheld the Spirit of God, that it wrought upon other Gentiles; and they went forth out of captivity, upon the many waters.

14 And it came to pass that I beheld many <sup>a</sup>multitudes of the Gentiles upon the <sup>b</sup>land of promise; and I beheld the wrath of God, that it was upon the seed of my brethren; and they were <sup>c</sup>scattered before the Gentiles and were smitten.

15 And I beheld the Spirit of the Lord, that it was upon the Gentiles, and they did prosper and <sup>o</sup>btain the <sup>b</sup>land for their inheritance; and I beheld that they were white, and exceedingly fair and <sup>b</sup>beautiful, like unto my people before they were <sup>a</sup>slain.

16 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity did humble themselves before the Lord; and the power of the Lord was <sup>a</sup>with them.

17 And I beheld that their mother Gentiles were gathered together

13 <sup>2a</sup> TG Kings, Earthly; Nations.  
<sup>4a</sup> TG Gentiles.  
<sup>b</sup> 1 Ne. 13:26 (26, 34); 14:10 (3, 9-17).  
<sup>5a</sup> 2 Ne. 10:16.  
<sup>b</sup> Rev. 17:6 (3-6); 18:24; 1 Ne. 14:13.  
<sup>c</sup> Jer. 28:14 (10-14).  
 TG Bondage, Spiritual.  
<sup>6a</sup> D&C 88:94.

<sup>b</sup> TG Devil, Church of.  
<sup>c</sup> 1 Ne. 22:23 (22-23).  
 TG Devil.  
<sup>7a</sup> Morm. 8:37 (36-38).  
<sup>b</sup> Ether 10:24.  
<sup>8a</sup> Rev. 18:19 (10-24); Morm. 8:37 (36-41).  
<sup>9a</sup> Morm. 8:38.  
<sup>b</sup> Rev. 13:7 (4-7).  
<sup>12a</sup> TG Guidance, Divine.  
<sup>14a</sup> 2 Ne. 1:11;

Morm. 5:19 (19-20).  
<sup>b</sup> TG Promised Lands.  
<sup>c</sup> 1 Ne. 22:7.  
 TG Israel, Scattering of.  
<sup>15a</sup> Morm. 5:19.  
<sup>b</sup> 2 Ne. 10:19.  
<sup>c</sup> 2 Ne. 5:21;  
 4 Ne. 1:10;  
 Morm. 9:6.  
<sup>d</sup> Morm. 6:19 (17-22).  
<sup>16a</sup> D&C 101:80.

upon the waters, and upon the land also, to battle against them.

18 And I beheld that the power of God was with them, and also that the wrath of God was upon all those that were gathered together <sup>a</sup>against them to battle.

19 And I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles that had gone out of captivity were <sup>d</sup>elivered by the power of God out of the hands of all other nations.

20 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld that they did prosper in the land; and I beheld a <sup>b</sup>book, and it was carried forth among them.

21 And the angel said unto me: Knowest thou the meaning of the book?

22 And I said unto him: I know not.

23 And he said: Behold it proceedeth out of the mouth of a Jew. And I, Nephi, beheld it; and he said unto me: The <sup>a</sup>book that thou beholdest is a <sup>b</sup>record of the <sup>c</sup>Jews, which contains the covenants of the Lord, which he hath made unto the house of Israel; and it also containeth many of the prophecies of the holy prophets; and it is a record like unto the engravings which are upon the <sup>d</sup>plates of brass, save there are not so many; nevertheless, they contain the covenants of the Lord, which he hath made unto the house of Israel; wherefore, they are of great worth unto the Gentiles.

24 And the angel of the Lord said unto me: Thou hast beheld that the <sup>a</sup>book proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew; and when it proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew it contained the fulness of the gospel

of the Lord, of whom the twelve apostles bear record; and they bear record according to the truth which is in the Lamb of God.

25 Wherefore, these things go forth from the <sup>a</sup>Jews in purity unto the <sup>b</sup>Gentiles, according to the truth which is in God.

26 And after they go forth by the <sup>a</sup>hand of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, from the Jews <sup>b</sup>unto the Gentiles, thou seest the formation of that <sup>c</sup>great and abominable <sup>c</sup>church, which is most abominable above all other churches; for behold, they have <sup>t</sup>aken away from the gospel of the Lamb many parts which are <sup>p</sup>lain and most precious; and also many covenants of the Lord have they taken away.

27 And all this have they done that they might pervert the right ways of the Lord, that they might blind the eyes and harden the hearts of the children of men.

28 Wherefore, thou seest that after the book hath gone forth through the hands of the great and abominable church, that there are many plain and <sup>a</sup>precious things taken away from the book, which is the book of the Lamb of God.

29 And after these plain and precious things were <sup>t</sup>aken away it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles; and after it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles, yea, even across the many waters which thou hast seen with the Gentiles which have gone forth out of captivity, thou seest—because of the many plain and precious things which have been taken out of the

18 <sup>a</sup> 1 Ne. 17:35.  
<sup>19a</sup> 2 Ne. 10:10 (10-14); 3 Ne. 21:4.  
 Ether 2:12.  
<sup>20a</sup> 1 Ne. 13:41 (3-41); 14:23.  
<sup>23a</sup> 1 Ne. 13:38;  
 2 Ne. 29:6 (4-12).  
<sup>b</sup> TG Scriptures, Preservation of.  
<sup>c</sup> 2 Ne. 3:12.  
<sup>d</sup> 1 Ne. 5:10 (10-22); 19:22.

<sup>24a</sup> 2 Ne. 29:3.  
<sup>25a</sup> 2 Ne. 29:4 (4-6); D&C 3:16.  
 TG Israel, Judah, People of.  
<sup>b</sup> TG Gentiles.  
<sup>26a</sup> Luke 1:1 (1-4); 2 Tim. 4:13.  
<sup>b</sup> Matt. 21:43.  
<sup>c</sup> 1 Ne. 13:4 (4-6); 14:10 (3, 9-17).

<sup>d</sup> TG Apostasy of the Early Christian Church.  
<sup>e</sup> Morm. 8:33;  
 Moses 1:41.  
 TG False Doctrine; Scriptures, Lost.  
<sup>f</sup> 1 Ne. 14:21 (20-26); A of F 1:8.  
<sup>28a</sup> 1 Ne. 14:23.  
<sup>29a</sup> 2 Pet. 3:16.

have a perfect knowledge of their enjoyment, and their righteousness, being clothed with purity, yea, even with the robe of righteousness.

15 And it shall come to pass that when all men shall have passed from this first death unto life, insomuch as they have become immortal, they must appear before the judgment-seat of the Holy One of Israel; and then cometh the judgment, and then must they be judged according to the holy judgment of God.

16 And assuredly, as the Lord liveth, for the Lord God hath spoken it, and it is his eternal word, which cannot pass away, that they who are righteous shall be righteous still, and they who are filthy shall be filthy still; wherefore, they who are filthy are the devil and his angels; and they shall go away into everlasting fire, prepared for them; and their torment is as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flame ascendeth up forever and ever and has no end.

17 O the greatness and the justice of our God! For he executeth all his words, and they have gone forth out of his mouth, and his law must be fulfilled.

18 But, behold, the righteous, the saints of the Holy One of Israel, they who have believed in the Holy One of Israel, they who have

endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it, they shall inherit the kingdom of God, which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world, and their joy shall be full forever.

19 O the greatness of the mercy of our God, the Holy One of Israel! For he delivereth his saints from that awful monster the devil, and death, and hell, and that lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.

20 O how great the holiness of our God! For he knoweth all things, and there is not anything save he knows it.

21 And he cometh into the world that he may save all men if they will hearken unto his voice; for behold, he suffereth the pains of all men, yea, the pains of every living creature, both men, women, and children, who belong to the family of Adam.

22 And he suffereth this that the resurrection might pass upon all men, that all might stand before him at the great and judgment day.

23 And he commandeth all men that they must repent, and be baptized in his name, having perfect faith in the Holy One of Israel, or they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God.

- 14f TG Righteousness.
- g Prov. 31:25.
- h TG Purity.
- i D&C 109:76.
- 15a TG Judgment, the Last.
- b Job 34:12;
- Ps. 19:9;
- 2 Ne. 30:9.
- 16a 1 Kgs. 8:56;
- Ps. 33:11;
- D&C 1:38 (37-39);
- Moses 1:4.
- b D&C 56:11.
- c Prov. 22:8.
- TG Filthiness.
- d 1 Ne. 15:33 (33-35);
- Alma 7:21;
- Morm. 9:14;
- D&C 88:35.
- e TG Devil.
- f Mosiah 27:28.
- g TG Punish.

- h Rev. 19:20; 21:8;
- 2 Ne. 28:23;
- D&C 63:17; 76:36.
- 17a TG God, Justice of;
- Justice.
- b Ezek. 24:14.
- 18a Ps. 5:12.
- TG Righteousness.
- b TG Saints.
- c Luke 14:27.
- d Col. 1:12;
- D&C 45:58 (57-58);
- 84:38 (33-38).
- e TG Exaltation.
- f Alma 13:3 (3, 5, 7-9).
- g Matt. 5:12 (11-12).
- h TG Eternal Life.
- 19a Job 23:7;
- D&C 108:8.
- b 1 Ne. 15:35.
- c TG Hell.
- 20a TG Holiness.

- b Mosiah 24:12;
- Alma 26:35.
- TG God, Foreknowledge of;
- God, Intelligence of;
- God, Omniscience of.
- c Prov. 5:21;
- D&C 38:2 (1-2).
- 21a TG Salvation.
- b D&C 18:11;
- 19:18 (15-18).
- TG Jesus Christ, Trials of.
- c D&C 107:54 (53-56);
- 128:21.
- TG Adam.
- 23a TG Repent.
- b Mosiah 26:22;
- D&C 76:52 (50-52);
- 84:74; 137:6.
- TG Baptism, Essential.
- c TG Baptism,
- Qualifications for;
- Faith.

24 And if they will not repent and believe in his name, and be baptized in his name, and endure to the end, they must be damned; for the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has spoken it.

25 Wherefore, he has given a law; and where there is no law given there is no punishment; and where there is no punishment there is no condemnation; and where there is no condemnation the mercies of the Holy One of Israel have claim upon them, because of the atonement; for they are delivered by the power of him.

26 For the atonement satisfieth the demands of his justice upon all those who have not the law given to them, that they are delivered from that awful monster, death and hell, and the devil, and the lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment; and they are restored to that God who gave them breath, which is the Holy One of Israel.

27 But wo unto him that has the law given, yea, that has all the commandments of God, like unto us, and that transgresseth them, and

that wasteth the days of his probation, for awful is his state!

28 O that cunning plan of the evil one! O the vainness, and the frailties, and the foolishness of men! When they are learned they think they are wise, and they hearken not unto the counsel of God, for they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves, wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not. And they shall perish.

29 But to be learned is good if they hearken unto the counsels of God.

30 But wo unto the rich, who are rich as to the things of the world. For because they are rich they despise the poor, and they persecute the meek, and their hearts are upon their treasures; wherefore, their treasure is their god. And behold, their treasure shall perish with them also.

31 And wo unto the deaf that will not hear; for they shall perish.

32 Wo unto the blind that will not see; for they shall perish also.

33 Wo unto the uncircumcised of heart, for a knowledge of their

- 24a TG Jesus Christ, Taking the Name of.
- b TG Perseverance.
- c TG Damnation.
- 25a TG God, Law of.
- b Rom. 4:15; 5:13;
- 2 Ne. 2:13.
- c John 15:22 (22-24);
- Acts 17:30; Rom. 5:13;
- James 4:17;
- Alma 42:17 (12-24).
- TG Accountability.
- d TG Punish.
- 26a Lev. 4:20; Neh. 10:33;
- 2 Ne. 2:10.
- TG Jesus Christ,
- Atonement through.
- b TG God, Justice of;
- Justice.
- c Mosiah 3:11;
- Alma 9:16 (15-16); 42:21.
- d Mosiah 15:24;
- D&C 137:7.
- TG Ignorance.
- e TG Death, Power over.
- f TG Spirits in Prison.
- g Gen. 2:7; 6:17;
- Mosiah 2:21;

- D&C 77:2; 93:33;
- Abr. 5:7 (7-8).
- 27a Luke 12:47 (47-48).
- TG God, Law of.
- b TG Disobedience.
- c TG Idleness;
- Procrastination; Waste.
- d TG Probation.
- 28a Alma 28:13.
- b Job 11:12 (11-12);
- Isa. 9:9 (9-10).
- TG Vanity.
- c Eccl. 4:5; 10:12 (1-3, 12);
- 2 Ne. 19:17;
- D&C 35:7.
- TG Foolishness.
- d Luke 16:15;
- 2 Ne. 26:20; 28:4 (4, 15).
- TG Education;
- Worldliness.
- e Prov. 14:6;
- Jer. 8:8 (8-9);
- Rom. 1:22.
- TG Pride; Wisdom.
- f TG Walking in Darkness.
- g Prov. 15:22; Jacob 4:10;
- Alma 37:12.
- TG Counsel.

- h Prov. 23:4;
- Eccl. 8:17 (16-17);
- Ezek. 28:5 (4-5);
- D&C 76:9.
- TG Knowledge.
- 29a D&C 67:6.
- TG Learn.
- b 2 Ne. 28:26.
- TG Submissiveness.
- c Jacob 4:10.
- TG Counsel.
- 30a Jer. 17:11; Luke 12:34;
- D&C 56:16.
- b Matt. 19:23.
- c TG World.
- d TG Poor.
- e TG Hardheartedness.
- f TG Treasure.
- g Prov. 27:24.
- 31a Ezek. 33:31 (30-33);
- Matt. 11:15; 13:14;
- Heb. 5:11 (11-14);
- Mosiah 26:28;
- D&C 1:14 (2, 11, 14);
- Moses 6:27.
- 32a TG Apathy;
- Spiritual Blindness.
- 33a Rom. 2:29 (27-29).

3. WHAT DOES JESUS CHRIST EXPECT OF ME?

# THE BOOK OF ENOS

*Enos prays mightily and gains a remission of his sins—The voice of the Lord comes into his mind, promising salvation for the Lamanites in a future day—The Nephites sought to reclaim the Lamanites—Enos rejoices in his Redeemer. About 420 B.C.*

**B**EHOOLD, it came to pass that I, “Enos, knowing my father that <sup>b</sup>he was a just man—for he <sup>t</sup>taught me in his language, and also in the <sup>n</sup>nurture and admonition of the Lord—and blessed be the name of my God for it—

2 And I will tell you of the <sup>w</sup>wrestle which I had before God, before I received a <sup>r</sup>remission of my sins.

3 Behold, I went to hunt beasts in the forests; and the words which I had often heard my father speak concerning eternal life, and the <sup>j</sup>joy of the saints, <sup>s</sup>unk deep into my heart.

4 And my soul <sup>h</sup>ungered; and I <sup>k</sup>neeled down before my Maker, and I <sup>c</sup>ried unto him in mighty <sup>p</sup>rayers and supplication for mine own soul; and all the day long did I cry unto him; yea, and when the night came I did still raise my voice high that it reached the heavens.

5 And there came a <sup>v</sup>oice unto me, saying: Enos, thy sins are <sup>f</sup>orgiven thee, and thou shalt be blessed.

6 And I, Enos, knew that God <sup>c</sup>ould not lie; wherefore, my guilt was swept away.

7 And I said: Lord, how is it done? 8 And he said unto me: “Because of thy <sup>f</sup>faith in Christ, whom thou hast never before heard nor seen. And many years pass away before he shall manifest himself in the flesh; wherefore, go to, thy faith hath made thee <sup>w</sup>hole.

9 Now, it came to pass that when I had heard these words I began to feel a <sup>d</sup>esire for the <sup>w</sup>elfare of my brethren, the Nephites; wherefore, I did <sup>p</sup>our out my whole soul unto God for them.

10 And while I was thus struggling in the spirit, behold, the voice of the Lord came into my <sup>m</sup>ind again, saying: I will visit thy brethren according to their diligence in keeping my commandments. I have <sup>g</sup>iven unto them this land, and it is a holy land; and I <sup>c</sup>urse it not save it be for the cause of iniquity; wherefore, I will visit thy brethren according as I have said; and their <sup>t</sup>ransgressions will I bring down with sorrow upon their own heads.

11 And after I, Enos, had heard these words, my <sup>f</sup>faith began to be <sup>u</sup>nshaken in the Lord; and I <sup>p</sup>rayed unto him with many long

<sup>s</sup>trugglings for my brethren, the Lamanites.

12 And it came to pass that after I had <sup>p</sup>rayed and labored with all diligence, the Lord said unto me: I will grant unto thee according to thy <sup>d</sup>esires, because of thy faith.

13 And now behold, this was the desire which I desired of him—that if it should so be, that my people, the Nephites, should fall into transgression, and by any means be <sup>d</sup>estroyed, and the Lamanites should not be <sup>d</sup>estroyed, that the Lord God would <sup>p</sup>reserve a record of my people, the Nephites; even if it so be by the power of his holy arm, that it might be <sup>b</sup>rought forth at some future day unto the Lamanites, that, perhaps, they might be <sup>b</sup>rought unto salvation—

14 For at the present our strugglings were <sup>v</sup>ain in restoring them to the true faith. And they swore in their wrath that, if it were possible, they would <sup>d</sup>estroy our records and us, and also all the traditions of our fathers.

15 Wherefore, I knowing that the Lord God was able to <sup>p</sup>reserve our records, I cried unto him continually, for he had said unto me: Whatsoever thing ye shall ask in faith, believing that ye shall receive in the name of Christ, ye shall receive it.

16 And I had faith, and I did cry unto God that he would <sup>p</sup>reserve the <sup>r</sup>ecords; and he covenanted with me that he would <sup>b</sup>ring <sup>t</sup>hem forth unto the Lamanites in his own due time.

17 And I, Enos, <sup>k</sup>new it would be according to the covenant which he had made; wherefore my soul did rest.

18 And the Lord said unto me: Thy fathers have also required of me this thing; and it shall be done unto them according to their faith; for their faith was like unto thine.

19 And now it came to pass that I, Enos, went about among the people of Nephi, prophesying of things to come, and testifying of the things which I had heard and seen.

20 And I bear record that the people of Nephi did seek diligently to <sup>r</sup>estore the Lamanites unto the true faith in God. But our <sup>l</sup>aborers were vain; their <sup>h</sup>atred was fixed, and they were led by their evil nature that they became wild, and ferocious, and a <sup>b</sup>lood-thirsty people, full of <sup>i</sup>dolatry and <sup>f</sup>ilthiness; feeding upon beasts of prey; dwelling in <sup>t</sup>ents, and wandering about in the wilderness with a short skin girdle about their loins and their heads shaven; and their skill was in the <sup>b</sup>ow, and in the cimeter, and the ax. And many of them did eat nothing save it was raw meat; and they were continually seeking to destroy us.

21 And it came to pass that the people of Nephi did till the land, and <sup>r</sup>aise all manner of grain, and of fruit, and <sup>f</sup>locks of herds, and flocks of all manner of cattle of every kind, and goats, and wild goats, and also many horses.

22 And there were exceedingly

4. DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYERS?

- 1 a Jacob 7:27.
- b 2 Ne. 2:3 (2–4).
- c 1 Ne. 1:1;
- Mosiah 1:2.
- d Eph. 6:4.
- 2 a Gen. 32:24 (24–32);
- Alma 8:10.
- TG Repent.
- b TG Remission of Sins.
- 3 a TG Joy.
- b 1 Ne. 10:17 (17–19);
- Alma 36:17.
- TG Teachable.
- 4 a 2 Ne. 9:51;
- 3 Ne. 12:6.
- TG Meditation;
- Motivations.
- b TG Reverence.

- c Ps. 138:3.
- TG Perseverance.
- d TG Prayer.
- 5 a TG Revelation.
- b TG Forgive.
- 6 a TG God, the Standard of
- Righteousness.
- 8 a Ether 3:13 (12–13).
- b TG Faith.
- c Matt. 9:22.
- TG Man, New, Spiritually
- Reborn;
- Steadfastness.
- 9 a 1 Ne. 8:12;
- Alma 36:24.
- b Alma 19:29.
- TG Benevolence.
- c Num. 21:7;

- 1 Sam. 1:15; 7:5;
- Jer. 42:4;
- 2 Ne. 33:3;
- Alma 34:26 (26–27).
- 10 a TG Inspiration;
- Mind.
- b 1 Ne. 2:20.
- c Gen. 8:21 (20–22);
- Ether 2:9 (7–12).
- d TG Transgress.
- 11 a TG Faith.
- b TG Steadfastness.
- c Gen. 20:7;
- 1 Sam. 7:5;
- 2 Ne. 33:3;
- W of M 1:8.

- 11 d Eph. 6:18.
- 12 a Morm. 5:21;
- 8:25 (24–26);
- 9:36 (36–37).
- b Ps. 37:4; 1 Ne. 7:12;
- Hel. 10:5.
- 13 a 1 Ne. 15:5; Morm. 6:1.
- b Lev. 26:44.
- c W of M 1:7 (6–11);
- Alma 37:2.
- d 2 Ne. 3:15; Jacob 1:13;
- Alma 37:19;
- Morm. 7:9 (8–10);
- Ether 12:22; D&C 3:18.
- e Alma 9:17; Hel. 15:16.

- 14 a Jacob 7:24.
- b 2 Ne. 26:17;
- Morm. 6:6.
- 15 a TG Scriptures,
- Preservation of.
- 16 a 3 Ne. 5:14 (13–15);
- D&C 3:19 (16–20);
- 10:47 (46–50).
- b TG Book of Mormon.
- c 2 Ne. 25:8; 27:6;
- Morm. 5:12.
- d 1 Ne. 19:19.
- TG Israel,
- Restoration of.
- 17 a TG Trust in God.

- 20 a Jacob 7:24.
- b Moro. 9:6.
- c 2 Ne. 5:1.
- TG Hate.
- d Jarom 1:6.
- e Mosiah 9:12.
- TG Idolatry.
- f TG Filthiness.
- g Gen. 25:27.
- h Mosiah 10:8;
- Alma 3:5 (4–5);
- 43:20 (18–21).
- 21 a 1 Ne. 8:1; Mosiah 9:9.
- b 1 Ne. 18:25;
- Ether 9:19 (18–19).

<sup>a</sup>rid my garments of your blood, at this period of time when I am about to go down to my grave, that I might go down in peace, and my immortal <sup>b</sup>spirit may join the <sup>c</sup>choirs above in singing the praises of a just God.

29 And moreover, I say unto you that I have caused that ye should assemble yourselves together, that I might declare unto you that I can no longer be your teacher, nor your king;

30 For even at this time, my whole frame doth tremble exceedingly while attempting to speak unto you; but the Lord God doth support me, and hath suffered me that I should speak unto you, and hath commanded me that I should declare unto you this day, that my son Mosiah is a <sup>a</sup>king and a ruler over you.

31 And now, my brethren, I would that ye should do as ye have hitherto done. As ye have kept my commandments, and also the commandments of my father, and have prospered, and have been kept from falling into the hands of your enemies, even so if ye shall keep the commandments of my son, or the commandments of God which shall be delivered unto you by him, ye shall prosper in the land, and your enemies shall have no power over you.

32 But, O my people, beware lest there shall arise <sup>a</sup>contentions among you, and ye <sup>b</sup>list to <sup>c</sup>obey the evil spirit, which was spoken of by my father Mosiah.

33 For behold, there is a wo pronounced upon him who listeth to

<sup>a</sup>obey that spirit; for if he listeth to obey him, and remaineth and dieth in his <sup>b</sup>sins, the same drinketh <sup>c</sup>damnation to his own soul; for he receiveth for his wages an <sup>e</sup>everlasting <sup>f</sup>punishment, having transgressed the law of God contrary to his own knowledge.

34 I say unto you, that there are not any among you, except it be your little children that have not been taught concerning these things, but what knoweth that ye are eternally <sup>a</sup>indebted to your heavenly Father, to render to him <sup>b</sup>all that you have and are; and also have been taught concerning the <sup>c</sup>records which contain the prophecies which have been spoken by the holy prophets, even down to the time our father, Lehi, left Jerusalem;

35 And also, all that has been spoken by our fathers until now. And behold, also, they spake that which was commanded them of the Lord; therefore, they are <sup>a</sup>just and true.

36 And now, I say unto you, my brethren, that after ye have known and have been taught all these things, if ye should transgress and go <sup>a</sup>contrary to that which has been spoken, that ye do <sup>b</sup>withdraw yourselves from the Spirit of the Lord, that it may have no place in you to guide you in wisdom's paths that ye may be blessed, prospered, and preserved—

37 I say unto you, that the man that doeth this, the same cometh out in open <sup>a</sup>rebellion against God; therefore he <sup>b</sup>listeth to obey the evil spirit, and becometh an enemy to

28a 2 Ne. 9:44;  
Jacob 2:2 (2, 16);  
D&C 61:34.  
b TG Spirit Body.  
c Morm. 7:7.  
30a Mosiah 1:10; 6:3 (3-4).  
TG Kings, Earthly.  
32a Eph. 4:27 (26-27);  
3 Ne. 11:29.  
TG Contention.  
b Alma 3:27 (26-27);  
5:42 (41-42); 30:60;  
D&C 29:45.

c 2 Ne. 32:8;  
Mosiah 4:14;  
Alma 5:20.  
33a TG Agency.  
b TG Accountability.  
c TG Damnation.  
d Jacob 6:10;  
D&C 19:11 (10-12).  
e TG Punish.  
34a Philip. 3:8 (7-10).  
TG Debt.  
b Rom. 12:1 (1-2).  
c 1 Ne. 5:14;

Alma 33:2.  
35a Rom. 7:12;  
Rev. 15:3.  
36a TG Disobedience.  
b TG Holy Ghost, Loss of.  
37a Mosiah 3:12;  
Hel. 8:25 (24-25).  
TG Holy Ghost,  
Unpardonable Sin  
against;  
Rebellion.  
b Prov. 19:27;  
1 Ne. 8:34 (33-34).

CHAPTER 3

*King Benjamin continues his address—The Lord Omnipotent will minister among men in a tabernacle of clay—Blood will come from every pore as He atones for the sins of the world—His is the only name whereby salvation comes—Men can put off the natural man and become Saints through the Atonement—The torment of the wicked will be as a lake of fire and brimstone. About 124 B.C.*

AND again my brethren, I would call your attention, for I have somewhat more to speak unto you; for behold, I have things to tell you concerning that which is to come.

2 And the things which I shall tell you are made known unto me by an <sup>a</sup>angel from God. And he said unto me: <sup>b</sup>Awake; and I awoke, and behold he stood before me.

3 And he said unto me: Awake, and hear the words which I shall tell thee; for behold, I am come to declare unto you the <sup>a</sup>glad tidings of great <sup>b</sup>joy.

4 For the Lord hath heard thy prayers, and hath judged of thy <sup>a</sup>righteousness, and hath sent me to declare unto thee that thou mayest rejoice; and that thou mayest declare unto thy people, that they may also be filled with joy.

5 For behold, the time cometh, and is not far distant, that with power, the <sup>a</sup>Lord <sup>b</sup>Omnipotent who <sup>c</sup>reigneth, who was, and is from all <sup>d</sup>eternity to all eternity, shall come down from heaven among the

all righteousness; therefore, the Lord has no place in him, for he dwelleth not in <sup>a</sup>unholy temples.

38 Therefore if that man <sup>a</sup>repenteth not, and remaineth and dieth an enemy to God, the demands of divine <sup>b</sup>justice do awaken his immortal soul to a lively sense of his own <sup>c</sup>guilt, which doth cause him to shrink from the <sup>d</sup>presence of the Lord, and doth fill his breast with guilt, and <sup>e</sup>pain, and <sup>f</sup>anguish, which is like an unquenchable <sup>g</sup>fire, whose flame ascendeth up forever and ever.

39 And now I say unto you, that <sup>a</sup>mercy hath no claim on that man; therefore his final doom is to endure a never-ending <sup>b</sup>torment.

40 O, all ye <sup>a</sup>old men, and also ye young men, and you little children who can understand my words, for I have spoken plainly unto you that ye might understand, I pray that ye should awake to a <sup>b</sup>remembrance of the awful situation of those that have fallen into transgression.

41 And moreover, I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and <sup>a</sup>happy state of those that keep the commandments of God. For behold, they are <sup>b</sup>blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual; and if they hold out <sup>c</sup>faithful to the end they are received into <sup>d</sup>heaven, that thereby they may dwell with God in a state of never-ending happiness. O remember, remember that these things are true; for the Lord God hath spoken it.

37c Alma 7:21; 34:36;  
Hel. 4:24.  
38a TG Repent.  
b TG God, Justice of.  
c Mosiah 27:29 (25-29).  
TG Guilt.  
d TG God, Presence of.  
e TG Pain.  
f TG Sorrow.  
g TG Hell.  
39a TG Mercy.  
b TG Damnation;  
Punish.  
40a TG Old Age.  
b Alma 5:18 (7-18).

41a Matt. 11:29 (28-30);  
Alma 50:23;  
4 Ne. 1:16 (15-18).  
TG Happiness;  
Joy.  
b Gen. 39:3 (1-6);  
Ps. 37:25;  
Matt. 6:33;  
1 Ne. 17:3 (1-5, 12-14).  
c Ps. 31:23;  
Ether 4:19;  
D&C 6:13; 63:47.  
d TG Heaven.  
3 2a Mosiah 4:1; 5:5.  
TG Angels.

b Zech. 4:1 (1-2).  
3a Isa. 52:7 (7-10);  
Luke 2:10 (10-11);  
Rom. 10:15;  
D&C 31:3.  
b TG Joy.  
4a TG Righteousness.  
5a TG Jesus Christ, Jehovah.  
b Rev. 1:8 (7-8).  
TG Jesus Christ,  
Power of.  
c TG Jesus Christ,  
Authority of.  
d 2 Ne. 26:12;  
Mosiah 16:15.

5. HOW CAN I FIND PEACE AND JOY?

are they found no more blameless in the sight of God, only according to the words which I have spoken unto thee.

23 And now I have spoken the words which the Lord God hath commanded me.

24 And thus saith the Lord: They shall stand as a bright testimony against this people, at the judgment day; whereof they shall be judged, every man according to his works, whether they be good, or whether they be evil.

25 And if they be evil they are consigned to an awful view of their own guilt and abominations, which doth cause them to shrink from the presence of the Lord into a state of misery and endless torment, from whence they can no more return; therefore they have drunk damnation to their own souls.

26 Therefore, they have drunk out of the cup of the wrath of God, which justice could no more deny unto them than it could deny that Adam should fall because of his partaking of the forbidden fruit; therefore, mercy could have claim on them no more forever.

27 And their torment is as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flames are unquenchable, and whose smoke ascendeth up forever and ever. Thus hath the Lord commanded me. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

King Benjamin continues his address—*Salvation comes because of the Atonement—Believe in God to be saved—Retain*

*a remission of your sins through faithfulness—Impart of your substance to the poor—Do all things in wisdom and order. About 124 B.C.*

AND now, it came to pass that when king Benjamin had made an end of speaking the words which had been delivered unto him by the angel of the Lord, that he cast his eyes round about on the multitude, and behold they had fallen to the earth, for the fear of the Lord had come upon them.

2 And they had viewed themselves in their own carnal state, even less than the dust of the earth. And they all cried aloud with one voice, saying: O have mercy, and apply the atoning blood of Christ that we may receive forgiveness of our sins, and our hearts may be purified; for we believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who created heaven and earth, and all things; who shall come down among the children of men.

3 And it came to pass that after they had spoken these words the Spirit of the Lord came upon them, and they were filled with joy, having received a remission of their sins, and having peace of conscience, because of the exceeding faith which they had in Jesus Christ who should come, according to the words which king Benjamin had spoken unto them.

4 And king Benjamin again opened his mouth and began to speak unto them, saying: My friends and my brethren, my kindred and my people, I would again call your attention, that ye may hear and

- 24a TG Good Works.
- 25a 2 Ne. 9:14, 46;
- Alma 5:18; 11:43;
- 12:15 (14-15).
- b Rom. 3:16;
- Morm. 8:38.
- c TG Punish.
- 26a Ps. 75:8;
- Jer. 25:15;
- Lam. 4:21.
- b Morm. 9:12;
- Moro. 8:8.
- c Gen. 3:6;
- 2 Ne. 2:15 (15-19);

- Alma 12:22 (21-23).
- d TG Mercy.
- 27a TG Hell.
- b 2 Ne. 9:16;
- Jacob 6:10;
- Alma 12:17;
- D&C 76:36.
- c Mosiah 5:5.
- 4 1a 1 Chr. 21:18;
- Mosiah 3:2.
- b Neh. 8:9;
- Alma 19:17.
- c Jer. 36:16;
- Heb. 12:28.

- TG Reverence.
- 2a TG Poor in Spirit.
- b Neh. 9:1 (1-3).
- TG Carnal Mind.
- c Gen. 18:27.
- d Mosiah 3:18;
- Hel. 5:9.
- e TG Purification.
- f TG Jesus Christ, Creator.
- 3a TG Remission of Sins.
- b TG Conscience.
- c TG Faith.
- d Neh. 8:12.

6. HOW CAN MY FAMILY BE HAPPIER AND MORE UNITED?

understand the remainder of my words which I shall speak unto you.

5 For behold, if the knowledge of the goodness of God at this time has awakened you to a sense of your nothingness, and your worthless and fallen state—

6 I say unto you, if ye have come to a knowledge of the goodness of God, and his matchless power, and his wisdom, and his patience, and his long-suffering towards the children of men; and also, the atonement which has been prepared from the foundation of the world, that thereby salvation might come to him that should put his trust in the Lord, and should be diligent in keeping his commandments, and continue in the faith even unto the end of his life, I mean the life of the mortal body—

7 I say, that this is the man who receiveth salvation, through the atonement which was prepared from the foundation of the world for all mankind, which ever were since the fall of Adam, or who are, or who ever shall be, even unto the end of the world.

8 And this is the means whereby salvation cometh. And there is none other salvation save this which hath been spoken of; neither are there any conditions whereby man can be saved except the conditions which I have told you.

9 Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things, both in heaven and in earth; believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth;

believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend.

10 And again, believe that ye must repent of your sins and forsake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you; and now, if you believe all these things see that ye do them.

11 And again I say unto you as I have said before, that as ye have come to the knowledge of the glory of God, or if ye have known of his goodness and have tasted of his love, and have received a remission of your sins, which causeth such exceedingly great joy in your souls, even so I would that ye should remember, and always retain in remembrance, the greatness of God, and your own nothingness, and his goodness and long-suffering towards you, unworthy creatures, and humble yourselves even in the depths of humility, calling on the name of the Lord daily, and standing steadfastly in the faith of that which is to come, which was spoken by the mouth of the angel.

12 And behold, I say unto you that if ye do this ye shall always rejoice, and be filled with the love of God, and always retain a remission of your sins; and ye shall grow in the knowledge of the glory of him that created you, or in the knowledge of that which is just and true.

13 And ye will not have a mind to injure one another, but to live peaceably, and to render to every

- 5a Moses 1:10.
- 6a TG God, Knowledge about; God, Perfection of.
- b TG Jesus Christ, Atonement through.
- c Mosiah 15:19; 18:13.
- d Ps. 36:7 (7-8);
- 2 Ne. 22:2; Hel. 12:1.
- TG Trust in God.
- 7a TG Fall of Man.
- 8a Acts 4:12; 2 Ne. 31:21;
- Mosiah 3:17.
- b TG Conscience.
- c TG Faith.
- d Neh. 8:12.

- c Rom. 11:34 (33-36);
- Jacob 4:8 (8-13).
- TG God, Perfection of.
- d Isa. 55:9.
- 10a TG Repent.
- b TG Sincere.
- c Ps. 41:4; D&C 61:2.
- d Matt. 7:24 (24-27);
- Acts 16:31 (30-31).
- e 2 Ne. 31:19 (19-21).
- 11a Ps. 34:8;
- Alma 36:24 (24-26).
- b TG Remission of Sins.
- c Rom. 5:8 (6-8);
- Moses 1:10.

- d Ex. 34:6 (5-7);
- Moro. 8:3.
- e TG Humility.
- f TG Prayer.
- g TG Steadfastness.
- 12a TG God, Love of.
- b Mosiah 4:26;
- Alma 4:14 (13-14);
- 5:26 (26-35);
- D&C 20:32 (31-34).
- c TG God, Knowledge about.
- 13a TG Man, New, Spiritually Reborn.
- b TG Peacemakers.



man according to that which is his due.

14 And ye will not suffer your <sup>a</sup>children that they go hungry, or naked; neither will ye <sup>b</sup>suffer that they transgress the laws of God, and fight and <sup>c</sup>quarrel one with another, and serve the devil, who is the master of sin, or who is the <sup>d</sup>evil spirit which hath been spoken of by our fathers, he being an enemy to all righteousness.

15 But ye will <sup>a</sup>teach them to <sup>b</sup>walk in the ways of truth and <sup>c</sup>soberness; ye will teach them to <sup>d</sup>love one another, and to serve one another.

16 And also, ye yourselves will <sup>a</sup>succor those that stand in need of your succor; ye will administer of your substance unto him that standeth in need; and ye will not suffer that the <sup>b</sup>beggar putteth up his petition to you in vain, and turn him out to perish.

17 Perhaps thou shalt <sup>a</sup>say: The man has brought upon himself his misery; therefore I will stay my hand, and will not give unto him of my food, nor impart unto him of my substance that he may not suffer, for his punishments are just—

18 But I say unto you, O man, whosoever doeth this the same hath great cause to repent; and except he repenteth of that which he hath done he perisheth forever, and hath no interest in the kingdom of God.

19 For behold, are we not all <sup>a</sup>beggars? Do we not all depend upon the same Being, even God, for all the substance which we have, for both food and raiment, and for gold,

and for silver, and for all the riches which we have of every kind?

20 And behold, even at this time, ye have been calling on his name, and begging for a <sup>a</sup>remission of your sins. And has he suffered that ye have begged in vain? Nay; he has poured out his <sup>b</sup>Spirit upon you, and has caused that your hearts should be filled with <sup>c</sup>joy, and has caused that your mouths should be stopped that ye could not find utterance, so exceedingly great was your joy.

21 And now, if God, who has created you, on whom you are dependent for your lives and for all that ye have and are, doth grant unto you whatsoever ye ask that is right, in faith, believing that ye shall receive, O then, how ye ought to <sup>a</sup>impart of the substance that ye have one to another.

22 And if ye <sup>a</sup>judge the man who putteth up his petition to you for your substance that he perish not, and condemn him, how much more just will be your <sup>b</sup>condemnation for withholding your substance, which doth not belong to you but to God, to whom also your life <sup>c</sup>belongeth; and yet ye put up no petition, nor repent of the thing which thou hast done.

23 I say unto you, wo be unto that man, for his substance shall perish with him; and now, I say these things unto those who are <sup>a</sup>rich as pertaining to the things of this world.

24 And again, I say unto the poor, ye who have not and yet have sufficient, that ye remain from day to day; I mean all you who deny

14a 1 Tim. 5:8; D&C 83:4. TG Marriage, Fatherhood.  
b Prov. 13:24.  
c TG Contention.  
d 2 Ne. 32:8; Mosiah 2:32.  
15a Mosiah 1:2; Moses 6:58 (58-63). TG Family, Children, Responsibilities toward.  
b TG Walking with God.  
c TG Sincere.

d 1 Sam. 18:1; Mosiah 18:21. TG Family, Love within.  
16a Prov. 19:17; TG Charity; Service; Welfare.  
b Prov. 21:13; Isa. 10:2; Luke 3:11; D&C 38:16.  
17a Prov. 17:5.  
19a Prov. 22:2; 1 Cor. 4:7.

20a Rom. 2:4 (1-4).  
b TG God, Spirit of.  
c TG Joy.  
21a Dan. 4:27. TG Generosity; Welfare.  
22a Matt. 7:2 (1-2); John 7:24.  
b 1 Jn. 3:17.  
c Mosiah 2:25.  
23a Luke 21:1 (1-4); D&C 56:16.

the beggar, because ye have not; I would that ye say in your hearts that: I <sup>a</sup>give not because I <sup>b</sup>have not, but if I had I would <sup>c</sup>give.

25 And now, if ye say this in your hearts ye remain guiltless, otherwise ye are <sup>a</sup>condemned; and your condemnation is just for ye covet that which ye have not received.

26 And now, for the sake of these things which I have spoken unto you—that is, for the sake of retaining a remission of your sins from day to day, that ye may <sup>a</sup>walk guiltless before God—I would that ye should <sup>b</sup>impart of your substance to the <sup>c</sup>poor, every man according to that which he hath, such as <sup>d</sup>feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and administering to their relief, both spiritually and temporally, according to their wants.

27 And see that all these things are done in wisdom and <sup>a</sup>order; for it is not requisite that a man should run <sup>b</sup>faster than he has strength. And again, it is expedient that he should be diligent, that thereby he might win the prize; therefore, all things must be done in order.

28 And I would that ye should remember, that whosoever among you <sup>a</sup>borroweth of his neighbor should return the thing that he borroweth, according as he doth agree, or else thou shalt commit sin; and perhaps thou shalt cause thy neighbor to commit sin also.

29 And finally, I cannot tell you all the things whereby ye may commit sin; for there are divers ways and means, even so many that I cannot number them.

30 But this much I can tell you, that if ye do not <sup>a</sup>watch yourselves, and your <sup>b</sup>thoughts, and your <sup>c</sup>words, and your deeds, and observe the commandments of God, and <sup>d</sup>continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish. And now, O man, remember, and perish not.

CHAPTER 5

*The Saints become the sons and daughters of Christ through faith—They are then called by the name of Christ—King Benjamin exhorts them to be steadfast and immovable in good works. About 124 B.C.*

AND now, it came to pass that when king Benjamin had thus spoken to his people, he sent among them, desiring to know of his people if they <sup>a</sup>believed the words which he had spoken unto them.

2 And they all cried with one voice, saying: Yea, we believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty <sup>a</sup>change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do <sup>b</sup>evil, but to do good continually.

3 And we, ourselves, also, through the infinite <sup>a</sup>goodness of God, and the manifestations of his Spirit, have great views of that which is to come; and were it expedient, we could prophesy of all things.

4 And it is the faith which we have had on the things which our king has spoken unto us that has brought

24a Deut. 16:17.  
b Acts 3:6 (5-7).  
c Mark 12:44.  
25a D&C 56:17.  
26a TG Walking with God.  
b Jacob 2:19 (17-19); Mosiah 21:17; Alma 35:9.  
c Job 29:12; Zech. 7:10; Luke 18:22; Alma 1:27. TG Almsgiving.

d Isa. 58:10 (9-11); Alma 4:12 (12-13); 3 Ne. 12:42.  
27a TG Order.  
b Eccl. 9:11; Alma 1:26; D&C 10:4.  
28a TG Borrow; Debt; Honesty.  
30a Deut. 4:9; Alma 12:14. TG Watch.

b Matt. 5:28 (27-28); Mark 7:23 (15-23).  
c Matt. 15:18 (18-20). TG Gossip.  
d TG Steadfastness.  
5 1a 1 Ne. 11:4 (1-5).  
2a Rom. 8:2 (1-4); Alma 5:14; 13:12. TG Man, New, Spiritually Reborn.  
b Alma 19:33.  
3a Ex. 34:6 (5-7).



and dominion. Yea, my beloved brethren, I say unto you, that the Spirit saith: Behold the glory of the <sup>b</sup>King of all the earth; and also the King of heaven shall very soon shine forth among all the children of men.

51 And also the Spirit saith unto me, yea, crieth unto me with a mighty voice, saying: Go forth and say unto this people—Repent, for except ye repent ye can in nowise inherit the <sup>a</sup>kingdom of <sup>b</sup>heaven.

52 And again I say unto you, the Spirit saith: Behold, the <sup>a</sup>ax is laid at the root of the tree; therefore every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be <sup>b</sup>hewn down and cast into the fire, yea, a fire which cannot be consumed, even an unquenchable fire. Behold, and remember, the Holy One hath spoken it.

53 And now my beloved brethren, I say unto you, can ye withstand these sayings; yea, can ye lay aside these things, and <sup>a</sup>trample the Holy One under your feet; yea, can ye be <sup>b</sup>puffed up in the pride of your hearts; yea, will ye still persist in the wearing of <sup>c</sup>costly apparel and setting your hearts upon the vain things of the world, upon your <sup>d</sup>riches?

54 Yea, will ye persist in supposing that ye are better one than another; yea, will ye persist in the persecution of your brethren, who humble themselves and do walk after the holy order of God, wherewith they have been brought into this church, having been <sup>a</sup>sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and they do bring forth works which are meet for repentance—

55 Yea, and will you persist in turning your backs upon the <sup>a</sup>poor, and the needy, and in withholding your substance from them?

56 And finally, all ye that will persist in your wickedness, I say unto you that these are they who shall be hewn down and cast into the fire except they speedily repent.

57 And now I say unto you, all you that are desirous to follow the voice of the <sup>a</sup>good shepherd, come ye out from the wicked, and be ye <sup>b</sup>separate, and touch not their unclean things; and behold, their names shall be <sup>c</sup>blotted out, that the names of the wicked shall not be numbered among the names of the righteous, that the word of God may be fulfilled, which saith: The names of the wicked shall not be mingled with the names of <sup>d</sup>my people;

58 For the names of the righteous shall be written in the <sup>a</sup>book of life, and unto them will I grant an inheritance at my right hand. And now, my brethren, what have ye to say against this? I say unto you, if ye speak against it, it matters not, for the word of God must be fulfilled.

59 For what shepherd is there among you having many sheep doth not watch over them, that the wolves enter not and devour his flock? And behold, if a wolf enter his <sup>a</sup>flock doth he not drive him out? Yea, and at the last, if he can, he will destroy him.

60 And now I say unto you that the good shepherd doth call after you; and if you will hearken unto his voice he will bring you into his

50b Ps. 74:12; 149:2; Matt. 2:2; Luke 23:2; 2 Ne. 10:14; D&C 38:21 (21-22); 128:22 (22-23); Moses 7:53; TG Jesus Christ, King; Kingdom of God, on Earth.  
51a TG Kingdom of God, in Heaven.  
b TG Heaven.

52a Luke 3:9; D&C 97:7.  
b Jacob 5:46; 6:7; 3 Ne. 27:11 (11-12).  
53a TG Sacrilege.  
b 1 Cor. 5:2.  
c 2 Ne. 28:13 (11-14); Morm. 8:36 (36-39).  
d Ps. 62:10; D&C 56:16 (16-18).  
54a TG Sanctification.  
55a Ps. 109:16 (15-16); Jacob 2:17;

Hel. 6:39 (39-40); D&C 56:16.  
57a TG Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd.  
b Ezra 6:21; 9:1; Neh. 9:2; 2 Thes. 3:6; D&C 133:5 (5, 14).  
c Deut. 29:20; Ps. 109:13.  
58a TG Book of Life.  
59a Prov. 27:23.

fold, and ye are his sheep; and he commandeth you that ye suffer no ravenous wolf to enter among you, that ye may not be destroyed.

61 And now I, Alma, do command you in the language of <sup>a</sup>him who hath commanded me, that ye observe to do the words which I have spoken unto you.

62 I speak by way of command unto you that belong to the church; and unto those who do not belong to the church I speak by way of invitation, saying: Come and be baptized unto repentance, that ye also may be partakers of the fruit of the <sup>a</sup>tree of life.

CHAPTER 6

*The Church in Zarahemla is cleansed and set in order—Alma goes to Gideon to preach. About 83 B.C.*

AND now it came to pass that after Alma had made an end of speaking unto the people of the church, which was established in the city of Zarahemla, he <sup>a</sup>ordained <sup>b</sup>priests and elders, by laying on his <sup>c</sup>hands according to the order of God, to preside and <sup>d</sup>watch over the church.

2 And it came to pass that whosoever did not belong to the church who <sup>a</sup>repented of their sins were baptized unto repentance, and were received into the church.

3 And it also came to pass that whosoever did belong to the church that did not <sup>a</sup>repent of their wickedness and humble themselves before God—I mean those who were lifted up in the <sup>b</sup>pride of their hearts—the same were rejected, and their names were <sup>c</sup>blotted out, that their names were not numbered among those of the righteous.

4 And thus they began to establish

61a Alma 5:1 (1, 44).  
62a 1 Ne. 8:10; 11:21 (21-23).

6 1a TG Ordain; Priesthood.  
b TG Elder;  
Priest, Melchizedek Priesthood.

c TG Hands, Laying on of.  
d D&C 52:39.  
2a TG Baptism, Qualifications for.  
3a Mosiah 26:6.  
b 1 Cor. 5:2.  
c Ex. 32:33; Mosiah 26:36;

the order of the church in the <sup>a</sup>city of Zarahemla.

5 Now I would that ye should understand that the word of God was liberal unto all, that none were deprived of the privilege of assembling themselves together to hear the word of God.

6 Nevertheless the children of God were commanded that they should gather themselves together oft, and join in <sup>a</sup>fasting and mighty prayer in behalf of the welfare of the souls of those who knew not God.

7 And now it came to pass that when Alma had made these regulations he departed from them, yea, from the church which was in the city of Zarahemla, and went over upon the east of the <sup>a</sup>river Sidon, into the <sup>b</sup>valley of Gideon, there having been a city built, which was called the city of Gideon, which was in the valley that was called Gideon, being called after the man who was <sup>c</sup>slain by the hand of Nehor with the sword.

8 And Alma went and began to declare the word of God unto the church which was established in the valley of Gideon, according to the revelation of the truth of the word which had been spoken by his fathers, and according to the spirit of prophecy which was in him, according to the <sup>a</sup>testimony of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who should come to redeem his people from their sins, and the holy order by which he was called. And thus it is written. Amen.

The words of Alma which he delivered to the people in Gideon, according to his own record.

*Comprising chapter 7.*

Alma 1:24; 5:57 (57-58). TG Excommunication.  
4a Alma 2:26.  
6a TG Fast, Fasting.  
7a Alma 4:4; 8:3.  
b Alma 2:20.  
c Alma 1:9.  
8a Rev. 19:10.

in glory—The prison walls are rent and fall—Alma and Amulek are delivered, and their persecutors are slain. About 82–81 B.C.

AND it came to pass after he had made an end of speaking unto the people many of them did believe on his words, and began to repent, and to search the <sup>a</sup>scriptures.

2 But the more part of them were desirous that they might destroy Alma and Amulek; for they were angry with Alma, because of the <sup>a</sup>plainness of his words unto Zeezrom; and they also said that Amulek had <sup>b</sup>lied unto them, and had reviled against their law and also against their lawyers and judges.

3 And they were also angry with Alma and Amulek; and because they had <sup>a</sup>testified so plainly against their wickedness, they sought to <sup>b</sup>put them away privily.

4 But it came to pass that they did not; but they took them and bound them with strong cords, and took them before the chief judge of the land.

5 And the people went forth and witnessed against them—testifying that they had reviled against the law, and their lawyers and judges of the land, and also of all the people that were in the land; and also testified that there was but one God, and that he should send his Son among the people, but he should <sup>a</sup>not save them; and many such things did the people testify against Alma and Amulek. Now this was done before the chief judge of the land.

6 And it came to pass that Zeezrom was astonished at the words which had been spoken; and he also knew concerning the <sup>a</sup>blindness of the minds, which he had caused among the people by his <sup>b</sup>lying

words; and his soul began to be <sup>a</sup>harrowed up under a <sup>c</sup>consciousness of his own guilt; yea, he began to be encircled about by the pains of hell.

7 And it came to pass that he began to cry unto the people, saying: Behold, I am <sup>a</sup>guilty, and these men are spotless before God. And he began to plead for them from that time forth; but they reviled him, saying: Art thou also possessed with the devil? And they spit upon him, and <sup>b</sup>cast him out from among them, and also all those who believed in the words which had been spoken by Alma and Amulek; and they cast them out, and sent men to cast stones at them.

8 And they brought their wives and children together, and whosoever believed or had been taught to believe in the word of God they caused that they should be <sup>a</sup>cast into the fire; and they also brought forth their records which contained the holy scriptures, and cast them into the fire also, that they might be <sup>b</sup>burned and destroyed by fire.

9 And it came to pass that they took Alma and Amulek, and carried them forth to the place of <sup>a</sup>martyrdom, that they might witness the destruction of those who were consumed by fire.

10 And when Amulek saw the pains of the women and children who were consuming in the fire, he also was pained; and he said unto Alma: How can we witness this awful scene? Therefore let us stretch forth our hands, and exercise the <sup>a</sup>power of God which is in us, and save them from the flames.

11 But Alma said unto him: The Spirit constraineth me that I must not stretch forth mine hand; for behold the Lord receiveth them up

14 <sup>a</sup> 2 Kgs. 22:11 (8–13); Acts 17:2 (2–3, 11); Alma 13:20.  
<sup>2a</sup> Alma 12:7 (3–7).  
<sup>b</sup> Alma 10:28 (24–32).  
<sup>3a</sup> Prov. 26:26; Alma 37:21.

<sup>b</sup> Acts 23:12 (12–15).  
<sup>5a</sup> Alma 11:35 (33–37).  
<sup>6a</sup> TG Spiritual Blindness.  
<sup>b</sup> Alma 10:31 (25–31).  
<sup>c</sup> Alma 15:5.  
<sup>d</sup> TG Conscience.  
<sup>7a</sup> Alma 10:31;

11:21 (21–36); 15:3.  
<sup>b</sup> Alma 15:1.  
<sup>8a</sup> Alma 15:2.  
<sup>b</sup> Jer. 36:23 (21–28).  
<sup>9a</sup> TG Martyrdom.  
<sup>10a</sup> Alma 8:31 (30–31).

unto himself, in <sup>a</sup>glory; and he doth suffer that they may do this thing, or that the people may do this thing unto them, according to the hardness of their hearts, that the <sup>b</sup>judgments which he shall exercise upon them in his wrath may be just; and the <sup>c</sup>blood of the <sup>d</sup>innocent shall stand as a witness against them, yea, and cry mightily against them at the last day.

12 Now Amulek said unto Alma: Behold, perhaps they will burn us also.

13 And Alma said: Be it according to the will of the Lord. But, behold, our work is not finished; therefore they burn us not.

14 Now it came to pass that when the bodies of those who had been cast into the fire were consumed, and also the records which were cast in with them, the chief judge of the land came and stood before Alma and Amulek, as they were bound; and he smote them with his hand upon their <sup>a</sup>cheeks, and said unto them: After what ye have seen, will ye preach again unto this people, that they shall be cast into a <sup>b</sup>lake of fire and brimstone?

15 Behold, ye see that ye had not power to save those who had been cast into the fire; neither has God saved them because they were of thy faith. And the judge smote them again upon their cheeks, and asked: What say ye for yourselves?

16 Now this judge was after the order and faith of <sup>a</sup>Nehor, who slew Gideon.

17 And it came to pass that Alma and Amulek answered him <sup>a</sup>nothing; and he smote them again, and delivered them to the officers to be <sup>b</sup>cast into prison.

18 And when they had been cast

into prison three days, there came many <sup>a</sup>lawyers, and judges, and priests, and teachers, who were of the profession of Nehor; and they came in unto the prison to see them, and they questioned them about many words; but they answered them nothing.

19 And it came to pass that the judge stood before them, and said: Why do ye not answer the words of this people? Know ye not that I have <sup>a</sup>power to deliver you up unto the flames? And he <sup>b</sup>commanded them to speak; but they answered nothing.

20 And it came to pass that they departed and went their ways, but came again on the morrow; and the judge also smote them again on their cheeks. And many came forth also, and smote them, saying: Will ye stand again and judge this people, and condemn our law? If ye have such great power why do ye not <sup>a</sup>deliver yourselves?

21 And many such things did they say unto them, gnashing their teeth upon them, and spitting upon them, and saying: How shall we look when we are damned?

22 And many such things, yea, all manner of such things did they say unto them; and thus they did <sup>a</sup>mock them for many days. And they did withhold food from them that they might hunger, and water that they might thirst; and they also did take from them their clothes that they were naked; and thus they were <sup>b</sup>bound with strong cords, and confined in <sup>c</sup>prison.

23 And it came to pass after they had thus suffered for many days, (and it was on the twelfth day, in the tenth month, in the tenth year of the reign of the judges over the

11a TG Exaltation.  
<sup>b</sup> Ex. 23:7; Ps. 37:9 (8–13); Alma 60:13; D&C 103:3. TG Justice.  
<sup>c</sup> TG Cruelty; Martyrdom.  
<sup>d</sup> Lam. 4:13; Mosiah 17:10.  
14a 1 Kgs. 22:24 (14–27).

<sup>b</sup> Alma 12:17. TG Damnation.  
16a Alma 1:12 (7–15); 2:20; 21:4.  
17a Matt. 27:12 (12–14).  
<sup>b</sup> Alma 9:33.  
18a Alma 10:14; 11:21 (20–37).

19a John 19:10 (9–10).  
<sup>b</sup> Mosiah 7:8.  
20a Matt. 27:40 (39–43).  
22a TG Mocking.  
<sup>b</sup> Acts 16:23 (23–40); D&C 122:6.  
<sup>c</sup> Gen. 39:20; Mosiah 7:7.

Behold, this is the thing which doth trouble me.

6 And also, what is this that Ammon said—"If ye will repent ye shall be saved, and if ye will not repent, ye shall be cast off at the last day?"

7 And Aaron answered him and said unto him: Believest thou that there is a God? And the king said: I know that the Amalekites say that there is a God, and I have granted unto them that they should build sanctuaries, that they may assemble themselves together to worship him. And if now thou sayest there is a God, behold I will believe.

8 And now when Aaron heard this, his heart began to rejoice, and he said: Behold, assuredly as thou livest, O king, there is a God.

9 And the king said: Is God that Great Spirit that brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem?

10 And Aaron said unto him: Yea, he is that Great Spirit, and he created all things both in heaven and in earth. Believest thou this?

11 And he said: Yea, I believe that the Great Spirit created all things, and I desire that ye should tell me concerning all these things, and I will believe thy words.

12 And it came to pass that when Aaron saw that the king would believe his words, he began from the creation of Adam, reading the scriptures unto the king—how God created man after his own image, and that God gave him commandments, and that because of transgression, man had fallen.

13 And Aaron did expound unto him the scriptures from the creation of Adam, laying the fall of man

before him, and their carnal state and also the plan of redemption, which was prepared from the foundation of the world, through Christ, for all whosoever would believe on his name.

14 And since man had fallen he could not merit anything of himself; but the sufferings and death of Christ atone for their sins, through faith and repentance, and so forth; and that he breaketh the bands of death, that the grave shall have no victory, and that the sting of death should be swallowed up in the hopes of glory; and Aaron did expound all these things unto the king.

15 And it came to pass that after Aaron had expounded these things unto him, the king said: "What shall I do that I may have this eternal life of which thou hast spoken? Yea, what shall I do that I may be born of God, having this wicked spirit rooted out of my breast, and receive his Spirit, that I may be filled with joy, that I may not be cast off at the last day? Behold, said he, I will give up all that I possess, yea, I will forsake my kingdom, that I may receive this great joy.

16 But Aaron said unto him: If thou desirest this thing, if thou wilt bow down before God, yea, if thou wilt repent of all thy sins, and will bow down before God, and call on his name in faith, believing that ye shall receive, then shalt thou receive the hope which thou desirest.

17 And it came to pass that when Aaron had said these words, the king did bow down before the Lord, upon his knees; yea, even he did

6a Alma 20:17 (17-18).  
7a D&C 46:14 (13-14).  
9a Alma 18:2, 26 (18-28).  
10a TG Creation.  
11a TG Believe.  
12a 1 Ne. 5:18 (10-18); Alma 18:36; 37:9.  
b TG Man, Physical Creation of.  
13a Gen. 1:26 (26-28); 2:7.  
b TG Salvation, Plan of.

c TG Redemption.  
d 2 Ne. 9:18;  
Alma 13:3 (3, 5, 7-9).  
14a TG Fall of Man.  
b Eph. 2:8 (8-9);  
Alma 42:14 (10-25).  
c TG Jesus Christ, Death of.  
d 2 Ne. 2:10;  
Alma 33:22; 34:9 (8-16).  
e Isa. 25:8;

1 Cor. 15:55 (34-57).  
15a Acts 2:37.  
b Alma 5:14 (14, 49); 36:23 (23, 26).  
c Rom. 7:18.  
d Matt. 13:46 (44-46); 19:21 (16-22).  
16a TG Conversion.  
b Ether 12:4.  
17a D&C 5:24.

prostrate himself upon the earth, and cried mightily, saying:

18 O God, Aaron hath told me that there is a God; and if there is a God, and if thou art God, wilt thou make thyself known unto me, and I will give away all my sins to know thee, and that I may be raised from the dead, and be saved at the last day. And now when the king had said these words, he was struck as if he were dead.

19 And it came to pass that his servants ran and told the queen all that had happened unto the king. And she came in unto the king; and when she saw him lay as if he were dead, and also Aaron and his brethren standing as though they had been the cause of his fall, she was angry with them, and commanded that her servants, or the servants of the king, should take them and slay them.

20 Now the servants had seen the cause of the king's fall, therefore they durst not lay their hands on Aaron and his brethren; and they pled with the queen saying: Why commandest thou that we should slay these men, when behold one of them is mightier than us all? Therefore we shall fall before them.

21 Now when the queen saw the fear of the servants she also began to fear exceedingly, lest there should some evil come upon her. And she commanded her servants that they should go and call the people, that they might slay Aaron and his brethren.

22 Now when Aaron saw the determination of the queen, he, also knowing the hardness of the hearts of the people, feared lest that a multitude should assemble themselves together, and there should be a great contention and a disturbance among them; therefore he

put forth his hand and raised the king from the earth, and said unto him: Stand. And he stood upon his feet, receiving his strength.

23 Now this was done in the presence of the queen and many of the servants. And when they saw it they greatly marveled, and began to fear. And the king stood forth, and began to minister unto them. And he did minister unto them, inasmuch that his whole household were converted unto the Lord.

24 Now there was a multitude gathered together because of the commandment of the queen, and there began to be great murmurings among them because of Aaron and his brethren.

25 But the king stood forth among them and administered unto them. And they were pacified towards Aaron and those who were with him.

26 And it came to pass that when the king saw that the people were pacified, he caused that Aaron and his brethren should stand forth in the midst of the multitude, and that they should preach the word unto them.

27 And it came to pass that the king sent a proclamation throughout all the land, amongst all his people who were in all his land, who were in all the regions round about, which was bordering even to the sea, on the east and on the west, and which was divided from the land of Zarahemla by a narrow strip of wilderness, which ran from the sea east even to the sea west, and round about on the borders of the seashore, and the borders of the wilderness which was on the north by the land of Zarahemla, through the borders of Manti, by the head of the river Sidon, running from the east towards the west—and thus were the Lamanites and the Nephites divided.

17b TG Prayer.  
18a Alma 18:42 (42-43).  
20a Alma 18:3 (1-3).  
22a Alma 19:29.  
23a TG Minister; Administration;

Ministry.  
b Alma 23:3.  
c TG Conversion.  
25a TG Peace; Peacemakers.  
27a Alma 23:1 (1-4).

b Hel. 3:8; 11:20.  
c Omni 1:13.  
d Alma 17:1; 56:14.  
e Alma 16:6 (6-7); 43:22 (22-53).

9. IS THERE A GOD?

11 Now there is not any man that can sacrifice his own blood which will atone for the sins of another. Now, if a man murdereth, behold will our law, which is <sup>a</sup>just, take the life of his brother? I say unto you, Nay.

12 But the law requireth the <sup>a</sup>life of him who hath <sup>b</sup>murdered; therefore there can be nothing which is short of an infinite atonement which will suffice for the sins of the world.

13 Therefore, it is expedient that there should be a great and last sacrifice, and then shall there be, or it is expedient there should be, a <sup>a</sup>stop to the shedding of <sup>b</sup>blood; then shall the <sup>a</sup>law of Moses be fulfilled; yea, it shall be all fulfilled, every jot and tittle, and none shall have passed away.

14 And behold, this is the whole <sup>a</sup>meaning of the <sup>b</sup>law, every whit <sup>a</sup>pointing to that great and last <sup>a</sup>sacrifice; and that great and last <sup>a</sup>sacrifice will be the Son of God, yea, <sup>i</sup>infinite and eternal.

15 And thus he shall bring <sup>a</sup>salvation to all those who shall believe on his name; this being the intent of this last sacrifice, to bring about the bowels of mercy, which overpowereth justice, and bringeth about means unto men that they may have faith unto repentance.

16 And thus <sup>a</sup>mercy can satisfy the demands of <sup>b</sup>justice, and encircles them in the arms of safety, while he that exercises no faith unto repentance is exposed to the

whole law of the demands of <sup>a</sup>justice; therefore only unto him that has faith unto repentance is brought about the great and eternal <sup>a</sup>plan of <sup>a</sup>redemption.

17 Therefore may God grant unto you, my brethren, that ye may begin to exercise your <sup>a</sup>faith unto repentance, that ye begin to <sup>b</sup>call upon his holy name, that he would have mercy upon you;

18 Yea, cry unto him for mercy; for he is <sup>a</sup>mighty to save.

19 Yea, humble yourselves, and continue in <sup>a</sup>prayer unto him.

20 Cry unto him when ye are in your <sup>a</sup>fields, yea, over all your flocks.

21 <sup>a</sup>Cry unto him in your houses, yea, over all your household, both morning, mid-day, and evening.

22 Yea, cry unto him against the power of your <sup>a</sup>enemies.

23 Yea, <sup>a</sup>cry unto him against the <sup>b</sup>devil, who is an enemy to all <sup>a</sup>righteousness.

24 Cry unto him over the crops of your fields, that ye may prosper in them.

25 Cry over the flocks of your fields, that they may increase.

26 But this is not all; ye must <sup>a</sup>pour out your souls in your <sup>b</sup>closets, and your secret places, and in your wilderness.

27 Yea, and when you do not cry unto the Lord, let your <sup>a</sup>hearts be <sup>b</sup>full, drawn out in prayer unto him continually for your <sup>a</sup>welfare, and also for the welfare of <sup>a</sup>those who are around you.

11a Deut. 24:16;  
Mosiah 29:25.  
12a TG Blood, Shedding of; Life, Sanctity of.  
b TG Capital Punishment; Murder.  
13a 3 Ne. 9:19.  
b TG Blood, Symbolism of.  
c 3 Ne. 1:24; 15:5.  
14a 2 Ne. 25:24;  
Jarom 1:5;  
Mosiah 2:3;  
Alma 30:3.  
b TG Law of Moses.  
c TG Jesus Christ, Types of, in Anticipation.

d Ex. 12:21 (1–30).  
e D&C 138:35.  
f D&C 20:17 (17, 28).  
15a TG Salvation.  
16a TG Mercy.  
b TG God, Justice of.  
c Mosiah 15:27;  
Alma 12:32.  
d TG Salvation, Plan of.  
e TG Redemption.  
17a TG Faith.  
b TG God, Access to; Prayer.  
18a Heb. 7:25 (24–25).  
19a TG Prayer.  
20a Alma 33:5 (4–5).

21a Ps. 5:3 (1–3);  
Dan. 6:10;  
3 Ne. 18:21.  
22a TG Enemies.  
23a 3 Ne. 18:15 (15, 18).  
b TG Devil.  
c TG Righteousness.  
26a 1 Sam. 1:15;  
Enos 1:9.  
b Matt. 6:6 (5–6);  
Alma 33:7 (4–11).  
27a TG Heart.  
b TG Meditation.  
c 2 Ne. 32:9.  
TG Welfare.  
d D&C 108:7.

10. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

28 And now behold, my beloved brethren, I say unto you, do not suppose that this is all; for after ye have done all these things, if ye <sup>a</sup>turn away the <sup>b</sup>needy, and the <sup>c</sup>naked, and visit not the sick and afflicted, and <sup>d</sup>impart of your substance, if ye have, to those who stand in need—I say unto you, if ye do not any of these things, behold, your <sup>a</sup>prayer is <sup>b</sup>vain, and availeth you nothing, and ye are as <sup>b</sup>hypocrites who do deny the faith.

29 Therefore, if ye do not remember to be <sup>a</sup>charitable, ye are as dross, which the refiners do cast out, (it being of no worth) and is trodden under foot of men.

30 And now, my brethren, I would that, after ye have <sup>a</sup>received so many witnesses, seeing that the holy scriptures testify of these things, ye come forth and bring <sup>b</sup>fruit unto repentance.

31 Yea, I would that ye would come forth and <sup>a</sup>harden not your hearts any longer; for behold, now is the time and the <sup>b</sup>day of your <sup>a</sup>salvation; and therefore, if ye will repent and <sup>a</sup>harden not your hearts, immediately shall the great plan of redemption be brought about unto you.

32 For behold, this <sup>a</sup>life is the time for men to <sup>b</sup>prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of <sup>a</sup>this life is the day for men to perform their <sup>a</sup>labors.

33 And now, as I said unto you before, as ye have had so many

<sup>a</sup>witnesses, therefore, I beseech of you that ye do not <sup>b</sup>procrastinate the day of your <sup>a</sup>repentance until the end; for after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the <sup>a</sup>night of <sup>a</sup>darkness wherein there can be no labor performed.

34 Ye cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful <sup>a</sup>crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God. Nay, ye cannot say this; for that same spirit which doth <sup>b</sup>possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world.

35 For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance even until death, behold, ye have become <sup>a</sup>subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth <sup>b</sup>seal you his; therefore, the Spirit of the Lord hath withdrawn from you, and hath no place in you, and the devil hath all power over you; and this is the final state of the wicked.

36 And this I know, because the Lord hath said he dwelleth not in <sup>a</sup>unholy temples, but in the <sup>b</sup>hearts of the <sup>a</sup>righteous doth he dwell; yea, and he has also said that the righteous shall sit down in his kingdom, to go no more out; but their garments should be made white through the <sup>a</sup>blood of the Lamb.

37 And now, my beloved brethren, I desire that ye should remember

28a TG Apathy.  
b TG Poor.  
c Ezek. 18:7 (5–9).  
d TG Almsgiving; Good Works.  
e Ezek. 33:31;  
Matt. 15:8 (7–8).  
f Isa. 58:3;  
Moro. 7:6 (6–8).  
g TG Hypocrisy.  
29a TG Charity; Generosity.  
30a TG Witness.  
b TG 3:8;  
Alma 13:13.  
31a TG Self-Mastery.  
b Rom. 13:12 (11–12).  
c Matt. 11:20;

3 Ne. 9:3;  
D&C 84:114.  
d TG Hardheartedness.  
32a TG Mortality.  
b 2 Cor. 6:2;  
2 Ne. 2:21;  
Alma 12:24; 42:4 (4–6).  
TG Self-Mastery.  
c D&C 138:57.  
d TG Good Works; Industry.  
33a TG Witness.  
b Job 27:8;  
Hel. 13:38;  
D&C 45:2.  
TG Apathy;  
Idleness;  
Procrastination.

c TG Repent.  
d Eccl. 9:10;  
John 9:4.  
e TG Darkness, Spiritual.  
34a Alma 40:14 (13–14);  
Ether 9:34.  
b Rom. 6:16 (14–18).  
35a 2 Ne. 28:19 (19–23).  
b 2 Ne. 9:9;  
3 Ne. 2:10.  
TG Devil; Sealing.  
36a Mosiah 2:37;  
Alma 7:21;  
Hel. 4:24.  
TG Cleanliness.  
b D&C 130:3.  
c TG Righteousness.  
d Rev. 12:11.



these things, and that ye should work out your salvation with fear before God, and that ye should no more deny the coming of Christ;

38 That ye contend no more against the Holy Ghost, but that ye receive it, and take upon you the name of Christ; that ye humble yourselves even to the dust, and worship God, in whatsoever place ye may be in, in spirit and in truth; and that ye live in thanksgiving daily, for the many mercies and blessings which he doth bestow upon you.

39 Yea, and I also exhort you, my brethren, that ye be watchful unto prayer continually, that ye may not be led away by the temptations of the devil, that he may not overpower you, that ye may not become his subjects at the last day; for behold, he rewardeth you no good thing.

40 And now my beloved brethren, I would exhort you to have patience, and that ye bear with all manner of afflictions; that ye do not revile against those who do cast you out because of your exceeding poverty, lest ye become sinners like unto them;

41 But that ye have patience, and bear with those afflictions, with a firm hope that ye shall one day rest from all your afflictions.

CHAPTER 35

The preaching of the word destroys the craft of the Zoramites—They expel the converts, who then join the people of Ammon in Jershon—Alma sorrows because of the wickedness of the people. About 74 B.C.

Now it came to pass that after Amulek had made an end of these

words, they withdrew themselves from the multitude and came over into the land of Jershon.

2 Yea, and the rest of the brethren, after they had preached the word unto the Zoramites, also came over into the land of Jershon.

3 And it came to pass that after the more popular part of the Zoramites had consulted together concerning the words which had been preached unto them, they were angry because of the word, for it did destroy their craft; therefore they would not hearken unto the words.

4 And they sent and gathered together throughout all the land all the people, and consulted with them concerning the words which had been spoken.

5 Now their rulers and their priests and their teachers did not let the people know concerning their desires; therefore they found out privily the minds of all the people.

6 And it came to pass that after they had found out the minds of all the people, those who were in favor of the words which had been spoken by Alma and his brethren were cast out of the land; and they were many; and they came over also into the land of Jershon.

7 And it came to pass that Alma and his brethren did minister unto them.

8 Now the people of the Zoramites were angry with the people of Ammon who were in Jershon, and the chief ruler of the Zoramites, being a very wicked man, sent over unto the people of Ammon desiring them that they should cast out of their land all those who came over from them into their land.

9 And he breathed out many

37a Philip. 2:12 (12–16).  
38a TG Holy Ghost, Loss of.  
b Mosiah 5:8;  
Alma 5:38.  
TG Jesus Christ, Taking the Name of.  
c TG Worship.  
d Ps. 69:30 (30–31);  
D&C 46:7.  
TG Thanksgiving.

e Gen. 32:10;  
1 Ne. 1:20;  
D&C 46:15.  
39a Heb. 3:13.  
b TG Watch.  
c TG Temptation.  
d Alma 30:60.  
40a TG Patience;  
Steadfastness.  
b TG Affliction.

c TG Reviling.  
d Alma 32:3.  
41a TG Patience.  
b Job 23:2 (2–5).  
35 1a Alma 28:1.  
2a Alma 30:59.  
3a TG Priestcraft.  
6a Alma 35:14.  
8a Alma 27:26.  
b Alma 30:59.

threatenings against them. And now the people of Ammon did not fear their words; therefore they did not cast them out, but they did receive all the poor of the Zoramites that came over unto them; and they did nourish them, and did clothe them, and did give unto them lands for their inheritance; and they did administer unto them according to their wants.

10 Now this did stir up the Zoramites to anger against the people of Ammon, and they began to mix with the Lamanites and to stir them up also to anger against them.

11 And thus the Zoramites and the Lamanites began to make preparations for war against the people of Ammon, and also against the Nephites.

12 And thus ended the seventeenth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.

13 And the people of Ammon departed out of the land of Jershon, and came over into the land of Melek, and gave place in the land of Jershon for the armies of the Nephites, that they might contend with the armies of the Lamanites and the armies of the Zoramites; and thus commenced a war betwixt the Lamanites and the Nephites, in the eighteenth year of the reign of the judges; and an account shall be given of their wars hereafter.

14 And Alma, and Ammon, and their brethren, and also the two sons of Alma returned to the land of Zarahemla, after having been instruments in the hands of God of bringing many of the Zoramites to repentance; and as many as were brought to repentance were driven out of their land; but they have lands for their inheritance in the land of Jershon, and they have taken up arms to defend themselves,

and their wives, and children, and their lands.

15 Now Alma, being grieved for the iniquity of his people, yea for the wars, and the bloodsheds, and the contentions which were among them; and having been to declare the word, or sent to declare the word, among all the people in every city; and seeing that the hearts of the people began to wax hard, and that they began to be offended because of the strictness of the word, his heart was exceedingly sorrowful.

16 Therefore, he caused that his sons should be gathered together, that he might give unto them every one his charge, separately, concerning the things pertaining unto righteousness. And we have an account of his commandments, which he gave unto them according to his own record.

The commandments of Alma to his son Helaman.

Comprising chapters 36 and 37.

CHAPTER 36

Alma testifies to Helaman of his conversion after seeing an angel—He suffered the pains of a damned soul; he called upon the name of Jesus, and was then born of God—Sweet joy filled his soul—He saw concourses of angels praising God—Many converts have tasted and seen as he has tasted and seen. About 74 B.C.

MY son, give ear to my words; for I swear unto you, that inasmuch as ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall prosper in the land.

2 I would that ye should do as I have done, in remembering the captivity of our fathers; for they were in bondage, and none could

9a Mosiah 4:26;  
D&C 42:43.  
TG Nourish;  
Welfare.  
10a Alma 47:1;  
Hel. 1:17.  
b TG Anger; War.

13a Alma 43:3.  
14a Alma 31:7.  
b Alma 35:6.  
c Alma 30:59.  
15a Alma 31:1.  
b TG Prophets,  
Rejection of.

16a TG Stewardship.  
36 1a Hel. 5:13 (1–13);  
Moses 6:58.  
2a Mosiah 23:23;  
24:17 (17–21).  
TG Israel, Bondage of,  
in Egypt.

<sup>b</sup>deliver them except it was the <sup>c</sup>God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he surely did deliver them in their afflictions.

3 And now, O my son Helaman, behold, thou art in thy youth, and therefore, I beseech of thee that thou wilt hear my words and learn of me; for I do know that whosoever shall put their <sup>a</sup>trust in God shall be supported in their <sup>b</sup>trials, and their troubles, and their afflictions, and shall be <sup>c</sup>lifted up at the last day.

4 And I would not that ye think that I <sup>a</sup>know of myself—not of the temporal but of the spiritual, not of the <sup>b</sup>carnal mind but of God.

5 Now, behold, I say unto you, if I had not been <sup>a</sup>born of God I should <sup>b</sup>not have known these things; but God has, by the mouth of his holy <sup>c</sup>angel, made these things known unto me, not of any <sup>a</sup>worthiness of myself;

6 For I went about with the sons of Mosiah, seeking to <sup>a</sup>destroy the church of God; but behold, God sent his holy angel to stop us by the way.

7 And behold, he spake unto us, as it were the voice of thunder, and the whole earth did <sup>a</sup>tremble beneath our feet; and we all fell to the earth, for the <sup>b</sup>fear of the Lord came upon us.

8 But behold, the voice said unto me: Arise. And I arose and stood up, and beheld the angel.

9 And he said unto me: If thou wilt of thyself be destroyed, seek no more to destroy the church of God.

10 And it came to pass that I fell to

the earth; and it was for the space of <sup>a</sup>three days and three nights that I could not open my mouth, neither had I the use of my limbs.

11 And the angel spake more things unto me, which were heard by my brethren, but I did <sup>a</sup>not hear them; for when I heard the words—If thou wilt be destroyed of thyself, seek no more to destroy the church of God—I was struck with such great fear and amazement lest perhaps I should be destroyed, that I fell to the earth and I did hear no more.

12 But I was racked with <sup>a</sup>eternal <sup>b</sup>torment, for my soul was <sup>c</sup>harrowed up to the greatest degree and racked with all my sins.

13 Yea, I did remember all my sins and iniquities, for which I was <sup>a</sup>tormented with the <sup>b</sup>pains of hell; yea, I saw that I had <sup>c</sup>rebelled against my God, and that I had not kept his holy commandments.

14 Yea, and I had <sup>a</sup>murdered many of his children, or rather led them away unto destruction; yea, and in fine so great had been my iniquities, that the very thought of coming into the presence of my God did rack my soul with inexpressible horror.

15 Oh, thought I, that I <sup>a</sup>could be banished and become extinct both soul and body, that I might not be brought to stand in the presence of my God, to be judged of my <sup>b</sup>deeds.

16 And now, for three days and for three nights was I racked, even with the <sup>a</sup>pains of a <sup>b</sup>dammned soul.

17 And it came to pass that as I was thus <sup>a</sup>racked with torment, while I

- 2b Deut. 26:8.
- c Ex. 3:6;
- Alma 29:11.
- 3a TG Trust in God.
- b Rom. 8:28.
- c Mosiah 23:22 (21-22).
- 4a 1 Cor. 2:11;
- Alma 5:45 (45-46).
- TG Knowledge.
- b TG Carnal Mind.
- 5a TG Man, New, Spiritually Reborn.
- b Alma 26:21 (21-22).
- c Mosiah 27:11 (11-18).

- d TG Worthiness.
- 6a Mosiah 27:10; 28:4 (3-4).
- 7a Isa. 6:4;
- Mosiah 27:18.
- b Prov. 2:5.
- TG Fear of God.
- 10a Mosiah 27:23 (19-23);
- Alma 38:8.
- 11a Dan. 10:7;
- Acts 9:7 (3-7).
- 12a D&C 19:11 (11-15).
- b TG Despair.
- c TG Poor in Spirit; Repent;

- Sorrow.
- 13a TG Guilt.
- b Moses 1:20.
- c TG Disobedience.
- 14a Matt. 10:28.
- 15a Rev. 6:16 (15-17);
- Alma 12:14.
- b Isa. 59:18;
- Alma 41:3 (2-5); 42:27;
- D&C 1:10 (9-10).
- 16a TG Pain.
- b TG Damnation.
- 17a Ps. 119:67.

11. HOW CAN A BELIEF IN JESUS CHRIST HELP ME?

was <sup>b</sup>harrowed up by the <sup>c</sup>memory of my many sins, behold, I <sup>a</sup>remembered also to have heard my father prophesy unto the people concerning the coming of one Jesus Christ, a Son of God, to atone for the sins of the world.

18 Now, as my mind caught hold upon this thought, I cried within my heart: O Jesus, thou Son of God, <sup>a</sup>have mercy on me, who am <sup>b</sup>in the <sup>c</sup>gall of bitterness, and am encircled about by the everlasting <sup>d</sup>chains of <sup>e</sup>death.

19 And now, behold, when I thought this, I could remember my <sup>a</sup>pains <sup>b</sup>no more; yea, I was harrowed up by the memory of my sins no more.

20 And oh, what <sup>a</sup>joy, and what marvelous light I did behold; yea, my soul was filled with joy as exceeding as was my pain!

21 Yea, I say unto you, my son, that there could be nothing so exquisite and so bitter as were my pains. Yea, and again I say unto you, my son, that on the other hand, there can be nothing so exquisite and sweet as was my joy.

22 Yea, methought I saw, even as our father <sup>a</sup>Lehi saw, God sitting upon his throne, surrounded with numberless concourses of angels, in the attitude of singing and <sup>b</sup>praising their God; yea, and my soul did long to be there.

23 But behold, my limbs did receive their <sup>a</sup>strength again, and I stood upon my feet, and did manifest

unto the people that I had been <sup>b</sup>born of God.

24 Yea, and from that time even until now, I have labored without ceasing, that I might bring souls unto <sup>a</sup>repentance; that I might bring them to <sup>b</sup>taste of the exceeding joy of which I did taste; that they might also be <sup>c</sup>born of God, and be <sup>d</sup>filled with the Holy Ghost.

25 Yea, and now behold, O my son, the Lord doth <sup>a</sup>give me exceedingly great joy in the fruit of my <sup>b</sup>labors;

26 For because of the <sup>a</sup>word which he has imparted unto me, behold, many have been born of God, and have <sup>b</sup>tasted as I have tasted, and have seen eye to eye as I have seen; therefore they do know of these things of which I have spoken, as I do know; and the knowledge which I have is of God.

27 And I have been supported under trials and troubles of every kind, yea, and in all manner of afflictions; yea, God has <sup>a</sup>delivered me from prison, and from bonds, and from death; yea, and I do put my trust in him, and he will still <sup>b</sup>deliver me.

28 And I know that he will <sup>a</sup>raise me up at the last day, to dwell with him in <sup>b</sup>glory; yea, and I will <sup>c</sup>praise him forever, for he has <sup>d</sup>brought our fathers out of Egypt, and he has swallowed up the <sup>e</sup>Egyptians in the Red Sea; and he led them by his power into the promised land; yea, and he has delivered them out of

- 17b 2 Cor. 7:10 (8-11).
- c Alma 11:43;
- D&C 18:44.
- d 1 Ne. 10:17 (17-19);
- Enos 1:3.
- 18a Matt. 15:22.
- b IE in extreme remorse.
- c Jonah 2:2;
- Acts 8:23.
- d Prov. 5:22;
- 2 Ne. 9:45; 28:22;
- Alma 12:11 (10-11);
- Moses 7:26.
- e TG Death, Spiritual, First.
- 19a TG Peace of God.
- b Jer. 31:34;
- D&C 19:16.

- 20a Moses 5:11.
- TG Forgive; Joy.
- 22a 1 Ne. 1:8.
- TG God, Manifestations of.
- b Isa. 6:3 (1-4).
- 23a Moses 1:10.
- b Alma 22:15; 38:6.
- 24a Alma 19:29.
- b Ps. 34:8;
- 1 Ne. 8:12;
- Mosiah 4:11.
- c TG Holy Ghost, Baptism of.
- d 2 Ne. 32:2 (2, 5);
- 3 Ne. 9:20.
- TG Holy Ghost,

- Mission of.
- 25a TG Reward.
- b TG Work, Value of.
- 26a Prov. 10:11;
- Jacob 2:8;
- Alma 31:5;
- D&C 108:7.
- b 1 Pet. 2:3 (1-3).
- 27a Alma 14:28 (26-29).
- b Ps. 34:17.
- 28a Alma 26:7;
- 3 Ne. 15:1.
- b TG Exaltation.
- c Ezra 3:11 (11-13);
- 2 Ne. 9:49.
- d Mosiah 12:34;
- D&C 103:16.
- e Ex. 14:27 (26-27).

boasting in thy strength and thy wisdom.

3 And this is not all, my son. Thou didst do that which was grievous unto me; for thou didst forsake the ministry, and did go over into the land of Siron among the borders of the Lamanites, after the "harlot Isabel.

4 Yea, she did "steal away the hearts of many; but this was no excuse for thee, my son. Thou shouldst have tended to the ministry where-with thou wast entrusted.

5 Know ye not, my son, that these things are an abomination in the sight of the Lord; yea, most "abominable above all sins save it be the shedding of innocent "blood or denying the Holy Ghost?

6 For behold, if ye "deny the Holy Ghost when it once has had place in you, and ye know that ye deny it, behold, this is a sin which is "unpardonable; yea, and whosoever murdereth against the light and knowledge of God, it is not easy for him to obtain "forgiveness; yea, I say unto you, my son, that it is not easy for him to obtain a forgiveness.

7 And now, my son, I would to God that ye had not been "guilty of so great a crime. I would not dwell upon your crimes, to harrow up your soul, if it were not for your good.

8 But behold, ye cannot "hide your crimes from God; and except ye repent they will stand as a testimony against you at the last day.

9 Now my son, I would that ye

should repent and forsake your sins, and go no more after the "lusts of your eyes, but "cross yourself in all these things; for except ye do this ye can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God. Oh, remember, and take it upon you, and "cross yourself in these things.

10 And I command you to take it upon you to counsel with your elder brothers in your undertakings; for behold, thou art in thy youth, and ye stand in need to be nourished by your brothers. And give heed to their counsel.

11 Suffer not yourself to be led away by any vain or foolish thing; suffer not the devil to lead away your heart again after those wicked harlots. Behold, O my son, how great "iniquity ye brought upon the "Zoramites; for when they saw your "conduct they would not believe in my words.

12 And now the Spirit of the Lord doth say unto me: "Command thy children to do good, lest they "lead away the hearts of many people to destruction; therefore I command you, my son, in the fear of God, that ye "refrain from your iniquities;

13 That ye turn to the Lord with all your mind, might, and strength; that ye lead away the hearts of no more to do wickedly; but rather return unto them, and "acknowledge your faults and that wrong which ye have done.

14 "Seek not after riches nor the vain things of this world; for behold, you cannot carry them with you.

3a 1 Sam. 2:22 (22-25); Prov. 5:3; TG Sensuality.  
4a Prov. 7:18 (6-27).  
5a TG Adulterer; Fornication; Sexual Immorality.  
b TG Life, Sanctity of.  
6a Moro. 8:28; D&C 76:35; TG Holy Ghost, Loss of.  
b TG Holy Ghost, Unpardonable Sin against.  
c Rom. 9:18;

D&C 64:10; TG Forgive.  
7a TG Guilt.  
8a TG God, Omniscience of.  
9a Prov. 5:8; TG Carnal Mind; Chastity; Covet; Lust.  
b TG Self-Mastery.  
c 3 Ne. 12:30.  
11a 1 Sam. 2:24 (22-25).  
b Alma 35:14 (2-14); 43:4 (4-6, 13).  
c 2 Sam. 12:14; Ezek. 5:5; Rom. 2:21 (21-23); 14:13;

1 Cor. 9:14 (13-14); 1 Ne. 21:6; Alma 4:11; D&C 103:9 (8-9).  
TG Example.  
12a TG Commandments of God; Teaching.  
b TG Peer Influence.  
c TG Abstain.  
13a Mosiah 27:35.  
14a Matt. 6:33 (25-34); Jacob 2:18 (18-19); D&C 6:7 (6-7); 68:31 (31-32); TG Treasure.

12. HOW CAN I AVOID THE EVILS THAT THREATEN US?

15 And now, my son, I would say somewhat unto you concerning the "coming of Christ. Behold, I say unto you, that it is he that surely shall come to take away the sins of the world; yea, he cometh to declare glad tidings of salvation unto his people.

16 And now, my son, this was the ministry unto which ye were called, to declare these glad tidings unto this people, to prepare their minds; or rather that salvation might come unto them, that they may prepare the minds of their "children to hear the word at the time of his coming.

17 And now I will ease your mind somewhat on this subject. Behold, you marvel why these things should be known so long beforehand. Behold, I say unto you, is not a soul at this time as precious unto God as a soul will be at the time of his coming?

18 Is it not as necessary that the plan of redemption should be "made known unto this people as well as unto their children?

19 Is it not as easy at this time for the Lord to "send his angel to declare these glad tidings unto us as unto our children, or as after the time of his coming?

CHAPTER 40

*Christ brings to pass the resurrection of all men—The righteous dead go to paradise and the wicked to outer darkness to await the day of their resurrection—All things will be restored to their proper and perfect frame in the Resurrection. About 74 B.C.*

Now my son, here is somewhat more I would say unto thee; for I perceive

15a TG Jesus Christ, Mission of.  
16a TG Family, Children, Responsibilities toward.  
18a Jacob 4:4 (4-6).  
19a Mosiah 3:2 (2-3).  
40 2a Mosiah 16:10 (10-13). TG Immortality.

b 1 Cor. 15:53 (42-54).  
c 1 Cor. 15:20 (20-23).  
3a TG Resurrection.  
b TG Mysteries of Godliness.  
c D&C 25:4; 121:26; 124:41.  
4a John 5:29 (28-29).  
5a 1 Thes. 4:16; Mosiah 26:25 (24-25);

D&C 43:18; 76:85.  
b TG God, Omniscience of.  
7a Alma 40:21; D&C 138; TG Soul.  
b TG Spirits, Disembodied.  
8a 2 Pet. 3:8; TG Time.

that thy mind is worried concerning the resurrection of the dead.

2 Behold, I say unto you, that there is no resurrection—or, I would say, in other words, that this mortal does not put on "immortality, this corruption does not "put on incorruption—"until after the coming of Christ.

3 Behold, he bringeth to pass the "resurrection of the dead. But behold, my son, the resurrection is not yet. Now, I unfold unto you a mystery; nevertheless, there are many "mysteries which are "kept, that no one knoweth them save God himself. But I show unto you one thing which I have inquired diligently of God that I might know—that is concerning the resurrection.

4 Behold, there is a time appointed that all shall "come forth from the dead. Now when this time cometh no one knows; but God knoweth the time which is appointed.

5 Now, whether there shall be one time, or a "second time, or a third time, that men shall come forth from the dead, it mattereth not; for God "knoweth all these things; and it sufficeth me to know that this is the case—that there is a time appointed that all shall rise from the dead.

6 Now there must needs be a space betwixt the time of death and the time of the resurrection.

7 And now I would inquire what becometh of the "souls of men "from this time of death to the time appointed for the resurrection?

8 Now whether there is more than one "time appointed for men to rise it mattereth not; for all do not die at once, and this mattereth not; all is

as one day with God, and time only is measured unto men.

9 Therefore, there is a time appointed unto them that they shall rise from the dead; and there is a space between the time of death and the resurrection. And now, concerning this space of time, what becometh of the souls of men is the thing which I have inquired diligently of the Lord to know; and this is the thing of which I do know.

10 And when the time cometh when all shall rise, then shall they know that God knoweth all the times which are appointed unto man.

11 Now, concerning the state of the soul between death and the resurrection—Behold, it has been made known unto me by an angel, that the spirits of all men, as soon as they are departed from this mortal body, yea, the spirits of all men, whether they be good or evil, are taken home to that God who gave them life.

12 And then shall it come to pass, that the spirits of those who are righteous are received into a state of happiness, which is called paradise, a state of rest, a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles and from all care, and sorrow.

13 And then shall it come to pass, that the spirits of the wicked, yea, who are evil—for behold, they have no part nor portion of the Spirit of the Lord; for behold, they chose evil works rather than good; therefore

the spirit of the devil did enter into them, and take possession of their house—and these shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth, and this because of their own iniquity, being led captive by the will of the devil.

14 Now this is the state of the souls of the wicked, yea, in darkness, and a state of awful, fearful looking for the fiery indignation of the wrath of God upon them; thus they remain in this state, as well as the righteous in paradise, until the time of their resurrection.

15 Now, there are some that have understood that this state of happiness and this state of misery of the soul, before the resurrection, was a first resurrection. Yea, I admit it may be termed a resurrection, the raising of the spirit or the soul and their consignment to happiness or misery, according to the words which have been spoken.

16 And behold, again it hath been spoken, that there is a first resurrection, a resurrection of all those who have been, or who are, or who shall be, down to the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

17 Now, we do not suppose that this first resurrection, which is spoken of in this manner, can be the resurrection of the souls and their consignment to happiness or misery. Ye cannot suppose that this is what it meaneth.

18 Behold, I say unto you, Nay; but it meaneth the reuniting of the

10a TG God, Foreknowledge of.  
b Acts 17:26.  
11a John 20:17.  
b Job 14:10;  
Luke 16:22 (22–26);  
Alma 11:45;  
D&C 76:73 (71–74).  
c Alma 40:15.  
d Eccl. 12:7;  
2 Ne. 9:38;  
Alma 24:16;  
Hel. 8:23.  
12a Isa. 51:11;

Luke 16:22;  
D&C 138:15.  
TG Happiness.  
b TG Paradise.  
c 2 Kgs. 22:20;  
Alma 7:27;  
D&C 45:46.  
TG Peace of God.  
13a TG Spirits in Prison.  
b TG Bondage, Spiritual.  
c TG Damnation;  
Darkness, Spiritual;  
Hell.  
d Matt. 8:12;  
Mosiah 16:2.

14a TG Spirits in Prison.  
b D&C 138:20.  
c Jacob 6:13;  
Moses 7:1.  
d TG God, Indignation of.  
e Alma 34:34.  
15a Alma 40:11.  
16a Jacob 4:11;  
Mosiah 15:21 (21–23);  
18:9.  
b TG Jesus Christ,  
Resurrection.  
17a D&C 76:17 (17, 32, 50).  
TG Judgment, the Last.  
18a Matt. 27:52.

soul with the body, of those from the days of Adam down to the resurrection of Christ.

19 Now, whether the souls and the bodies of those of whom has been spoken shall all be reunited at once, the wicked as well as the righteous, I do not say; let it suffice, that I say that they all come forth; or in other words, their resurrection cometh to pass before the resurrection of those who die after the resurrection of Christ.

20 Now, my son, I do not say that their resurrection cometh at the resurrection of Christ; but behold, I give it as my opinion, that the souls and the bodies are reunited, of the righteous, at the resurrection of Christ, and his ascension into heaven.

21 But whether it be at his resurrection or after, I do not say; but this much I say, that there is a space between death and the resurrection of the body, and a state of the soul in happiness or in misery until the time which is appointed of God that the dead shall come forth, and be reunited, both soul and body, and be brought to stand before God, and be judged according to their works.

22 Yea, this bringeth about the restoration of those things of which has been spoken by the mouths of the prophets.

23 The soul shall be restored to the body, and the body to the soul; yea, and every limb and joint shall be restored to its body; yea, even a hair of the head shall not be lost; but all things shall be restored to their proper and perfect frame.

24 And now, my son, this is the restoration of which has been spoken by the mouths of the prophets—

25 And then shall the righteous shine forth in the kingdom of God.

26 But behold, an awful death cometh upon the wicked; for they die as to things pertaining to things of righteousness; for they are unclean, and no unclean thing can inherit the kingdom of God; but they are cast out, and consigned to partake of the fruits of their labors or their works, which have been evil; and they drink the dregs of a bitter cup.

#### CHAPTER 41

*In the Resurrection men come forth to a state of endless happiness or endless misery—Wickedness never was happiness—Carnal men are without God in the world—Every person receives again in the Restoration the characteristics and attributes acquired in mortality. About 74 B.C.*

AND now, my son, I have somewhat to say concerning the restoration of which has been spoken; for behold, some have wrested the scriptures, and have gone far astray because of this thing. And I perceive that thy mind has been worried also concerning this thing. But behold, I will explain it unto thee.

2 I say unto thee, my son, that the plan of restoration is requisite with the justice of God; for it is requisite that all things should be restored to their proper order. Behold, it is requisite and just, according to the power and resurrection of Christ,

19a Mosiah 15:26.  
20a TG Jesus Christ,  
Ascension of.  
21a Luke 23:43 (39–43).  
b TG Paradise.  
c TG Spirits in Prison.  
d Alma 42:23.  
23a Ezek. 37:14 (6–14);  
D&C 88:15 (15–17).  
TG Soul.  
b 2 Ne. 9:13;  
Alma 11:45 (40–45).  
c TG Body, Sanctity of.

d Luke 21:18;  
Alma 41:2;  
D&C 29:25.  
e Philip. 3:21.  
TG Perfection.  
24a Isa. 26:19.  
TG Resurrection.  
25a Dan. 12:3;  
Matt. 13:43.  
26a Ps. 94:3 (1–11);  
1 Cor. 6:9 (9–10);  
1 Ne. 15:33;  
Alma 12:16;

D&C 29:41.  
TG Hell.  
b Eph. 5:5;  
Alma 11:37.  
TG Uncleaness.  
c Ps. 75:8.  
41a 2 Pet. 1:20; 3:16;  
Alma 13:20.  
b TG Apostasy of  
Individuals.  
c TG Problem-Solving.



10 And remember also the words which Amulek spake unto Zeezrom, “in the city of Ammonihah; for he said unto him that the Lord surely should come to redeem his people, but that he should not come to redeem them in their sins, but to redeem them from their sins.

11 And he hath power given unto him from the Father to redeem them from their sins because of repentance; therefore he hath “sent his angels to declare the tidings of the conditions of repentance, which bringeth unto the power of the Redeemer, unto the salvation of their souls.

12 And now, my sons, remember, remember that it is upon the “rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your “foundation; that when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds, yea, his shafts in the whirlwind, yea, when all his hail and his mighty “storm shall beat upon you, it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of misery and endless wo, because of the rock upon which ye are built, which is a sure foundation, a foundation whereon if men build they cannot fall.

13 And it came to pass that these were the words which Helaman “taught to his sons; yea, he did teach them many things which are not written, and also many things which are written.

14 And they did remember his words; and therefore they went forth, keeping the commandments of God, to teach the word of God among all the people of Nephi, beginning at the city Bountiful;

15 And from thenceforth to the

city of Gid; and from the city of Gid to the city of Mulek;

16 And even from one city to another, until they had gone forth “among all the people of Nephi who were in the land southward; and from thence into the land of Zarahemla, among the Lamanites.

17 And it came to pass that they did “preach with great “power, insomuch that they did confound many of those “dissenters who had gone over from the Nephites, insomuch that they came forth and did confess their sins and were baptized unto repentance, and immediately returned to the Nephites to endeavor to repair unto them the wrongs which they had done.

18 And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi did preach unto the Lamanites with such great power and authority, for they had power and authority given unto them that they might “speak, and they also had what they should speak given unto them—

19 Therefore they did speak unto the great astonishment of the Lamanites, in the convincing them, insomuch that there were eight thousand of the Lamanites who were in the land of Zarahemla and round about “baptized unto repentance, and were convinced of the “wickedness of the “traditions of their fathers.

20 And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi did proceed from thence to go to the “land of Nephi.

21 And it came to pass that they were taken by an army of the Lamanites and cast into “prison; yea, even in that same prison in which Ammon and his brethren were cast by the servants of Limhi.

10a Alma 11:34.  
11a Alma 13:24 (24–25); 39:19.  
12a Ps. 71:3;  
Matt. 7:24 (24–27);  
D&C 6:34;  
Moses 7:53.  
TG Cornerstone;  
Rock.  
b Isa. 28:16 (14–17);

Jacob 4:16.  
c Alma 26:6;  
3 Ne. 14:25 (25, 27).  
13a Mosiah 1:4;  
Alma 18:36; 36:1;  
Moses 6:58.  
16a Hel. 4:5.  
17a Hel. 4:14.  
b TG Teaching with the Spirit.

c Hel. 4:4 (2, 4).  
18a D&C 24:6; 100:5 (5–8).  
TG Prophets, Mission of.  
19a TG Missionary Work.  
b Mal. 2:6.  
c Hel. 15:4.  
20a Alma 22:1.  
21a Mosiah 7:7 (6–8);  
21:23 (22–24).

22 And after they had been cast into prison many days without food, behold, they went forth into the prison to take them that they might slay them.

23 And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi were encircled about “as if by “fire, even insomuch that they durst not lay their hands upon them for fear lest they should be burned. Nevertheless, Nephi and Lehi were not burned; and they were as standing in the midst of fire and were not burned.

24 And when they saw that they were encircled about with a “pillar of fire, and that it burned them not, their hearts did take courage.

25 For they saw that the Lamanites durst not lay their hands upon them; neither durst they come near unto them, but stood as if they were struck dumb with amazement.

26 And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi did stand forth and began to speak unto them, saying: “Fear not, for behold, it is God that has shown unto you this marvelous thing, in the which is shown unto you that ye cannot lay your hands on us to slay us.

27 And behold, when they had said these words, the earth shook exceedingly, and the walls of the prison did shake as if they were about to tumble to the earth; but behold, they did not fall. And behold, they that were in the prison were Lamanites and Nephites who were dissenters.

28 And it came to pass that they were overshadowed with a cloud of “darkness, and an awful solemn fear came upon them.

29 And it came to pass that there came a “voice as if it were above the cloud of darkness, saying: Repent ye,

and seek no more to destroy my “servants whom I have sent unto you to declare good tidings.

30 And it came to pass when they heard this “voice, and beheld that it was not a voice of thunder, neither was it a voice of a great tumultuous noise, but behold, it was a “still voice of perfect mildness, as if it had been a whisper, and it did pierce even to the very soul—

31 And notwithstanding the mildness of the voice, behold the earth shook exceedingly, and the walls of the prison trembled again, as if it were about to tumble to the earth; and behold the cloud of darkness, which had overshadowed them, did not disperse—

32 And behold the voice came again, saying: “Repent ye, repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand; and seek no more to destroy my servants. And it came to pass that the earth shook again, and the walls trembled.

33 And also again the third time the voice came, and did speak unto them marvelous words which “cannot be uttered by man; and the walls did tremble again, and the earth shook as if it were about to divide asunder.

34 And it came to pass that the Lamanites could not flee because of the cloud of darkness which did overshadow them; yea, and also they were immovable because of the fear which did come upon them.

35 Now there was one among them who was a Nephite by birth, who had once belonged to the church of God but had dissented from them.

36 And it came to pass that he turned him about, and behold, he saw through the cloud of darkness the faces of Nephi and Lehi; and behold, they did “shine exceedingly,

23a Ex. 24:17;  
D&C 137:2.  
b Ex. 3:2;  
Dan. 3:25 (25, 27).  
24a Ex. 14:24;  
1 Ne. 1:6;  
D&C 29:12;  
JS—H 1:16.

TG Protection, Divine.  
26a Dan. 10:12.  
28a Ex. 14:20.  
29a Deut. 4:33;  
3 Ne. 11:3 (3–14).  
b TG Servant.  
30a Moses 1:25.  
b 1 Kgs. 19:12;

D&C 85:6 (6–7).  
32a Matt. 3:2 (2–3);  
Alma 7:9; 9:25 (25–26).  
33a Rom. 8:26.  
36a Ex. 34:29 (29–35);  
Acts 6:15.

14. HOW CAN I AVOID SIN?

they love to pray, standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them, for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

11 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

12 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

13 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

14 For, if ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you;

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover, when ye fast be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance, for they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face;

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father, who is in secret; and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and thieves break through and steal;

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye; if, therefore, thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.

25 And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words he looked upon the twelve whom he had chosen, and said unto them: Remember the words which I have spoken. For behold, ye are they whom I have chosen to minister unto this people. Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye

6a 2 Kgs. 4:33.  
b TG God, Omniscience of.  
7a TG Sincere.  
b TG Heathen.  
8a D&C 84:83.  
b Ezek. 36:37.  
9a Matt. 6:9 (9-13).  
b TG Prayer.  
c TG God the Father, Elohim.  
12a JST Matt. 6:14 (Matt. 6:13 note a).  
14a Mosiah 26:31.

TG Forgive.  
16a Isa. 58:5 (5-7); Zech. 7:5 (5-6).  
TG Fast, Fasting.  
b TG Hypocrisy.  
17a TG Wash.  
18a Isa. 45:15; D&C 38:7.  
19a 3 Ne. 27:32.  
20a Hel. 5:8; 8:25.  
TG Treasure.  
22a Ezra 9:8.  
b Matt. 6:22 (20-25).

c D&C 88:67.  
TG Dedication.  
24a 1 Sam. 7:3;  
Alma 5:41 (39-42);  
Moses 1:15.  
b Hosea 10:2.  
25a Matt. 6:25;  
3 Ne. 12:1; 15:11.  
b TG Church Organization;  
Delegation of Responsibility.  
c Alma 31:37;  
D&C 84:81 (79-85).

15. HOW CAN I BALANCE MY FAMILY AND CAREER?

16. HOW CAN I STRENGTHEN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS?

shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin;

29 And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, even so will he clothe you, if ye are not of little faith.

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient is the day unto the evil thereof.

CHAPTER 14

Jesus commands: Judge not; ask of God; beware of false prophets—He promises salvation to those who do the will of the Father—Compare Matthew 7. About A.D. 34.

AND now it came to pass that when

25a Job 27:16 (16-17).  
26a D&C 117:6.  
28a TG Nature, Earth.  
33a TG Commitment.  
b Luke 12:31 (22-34).  
TG Objectives.  
34a Matt. 6:34.

14 1a Matt. 7:1 (1-27); JST Matt. 7:1-2 (Matt. 7:1 note a).  
2a Morm. 8:19.  
5a TG Hypocrisy.  
b John 8:7 (3-11).  
6a TG Holiness.

7a 3 Ne. 27:29.  
TG Prayer.  
b TG Initiative; Objectives.  
12a TG Benevolence; Compassion; Courtesy.

Jesus had spoken these words he turned again to the multitude, and did open his mouth unto them again, saying: Verily, verily, I say unto you, Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother: Let me pull the mote out of thine eye—and behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7 Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

8 For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, who, if his son ask bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12 Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

long as time shall last, or the earth shall stand, or there shall be one man upon the face thereof to be saved?

37 Behold I say unto you, Nay; for it is by faith that miracles are wrought; and it is by faith that angels appear and minister unto men; wherefore, if these things have ceased wo be unto the children of men, for it is because of unbelief, and all is vain.

38 For no man can be saved, according to the words of Christ, save they shall have faith in his name; wherefore, if these things have ceased, then has faith ceased also; and awful is the state of man, for they are as though there had been no redemption made.

39 But behold, my beloved brethren, I judge better things of you, for I judge that ye have faith in Christ because of your meekness; for if ye have not faith in him then ye are not fit to be numbered among the people of his church.

40 And again, my beloved brethren, I would speak unto you concerning hope. How is it that ye can attain unto faith, save ye shall have hope?

41 And what is it that ye shall hope for? Behold I say unto you that ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ and the power of his resurrection, to be raised unto life eternal, and this because of your faith in him according to the promise.

42 Wherefore, if a man have faith he must needs have hope; for without faith there cannot be any hope.

43 And again, behold I say unto you that he cannot have faith and hope, save he shall be meek, and lowly of heart.

44 If so, his faith and hope is vain, for none is acceptable before God, save the meek and lowly in heart; and if a man be meek and lowly in heart, and confesses by the power of the Holy Ghost that Jesus is the Christ, he must needs have charity; for if he have not charity he is nothing; wherefore he must needs have charity.

45 And charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

46 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail—

47 But charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with him.

48 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love, which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son, Jesus Christ; that ye may become the sons of God; that when he shall appear we

37a Matt. 13:58; Morm. 8:26; 9:20; Ether 12:12 (12-18).  
b Moro. 10:19 (19-27).  
39a TG Worthiness.  
40a Heb. 11:1; Ether 12:4.  
TG Hope.  
41a D&C 138:14.  
b Zech. 9:12 (11-12); Titus 1:2; Jacob 2:19; Alma 46:39.  
c TG Eternal Life.

42a TG Faith.  
b Moro. 10:20.  
43a TG Humility.  
44a 1 Cor. 13:13 (1-13); Alma 7:24; Ether 12:31 (28-35).  
b Lev. 10:19.  
c TG Meek.  
d Luke 12:8 (8-9).  
TG Holy Ghost, Gifts of; Testimony.  
45a 1 Cor. 13:4 (1-13).  
b TG Kindness.  
c TG Envy.

d TG Provoking.  
47a Rom. 13:10; 2 Ne. 26:30.  
TG Charity.  
b Josh. 22:5; Ether 12:34; Moro. 7:48.  
TG Love.  
c TG Eternity.  
48a TG Communication; Prayer.  
b TG Jesus Christ, Exemplar.

17. DOES MY INFANT NEED TO BE BAPTIZED?

shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is; that we may have this hope; that we may be purified even as he is pure. Amen.

CHAPTER 8

The baptism of little children is an evil abomination—Little children are alive in Christ because of the Atonement—Faith, repentance, meekness and lowliness of heart, receiving the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end lead to salvation. About A.D. 401-21.

AN epistle of my father Mormon, written to me, Moroni; and it was written unto me soon after my calling to the ministry. And on this wise did he write unto me, saying:

2 My beloved son, Moroni, I rejoice exceedingly that your Lord Jesus Christ hath been mindful of you, and hath called you to his ministry, and to his holy work.

3 I am mindful of you always in my prayers, continually praying unto God the Father in the name of his Holy Child, Jesus, that he, through his infinite goodness and grace, will keep you through the endurance of faith on his name to the end.

4 And now, my son, I speak unto you concerning that which grieveth me exceedingly; for it grieveth me that there should disputations rise among you.

5 For, if I have learned the truth, there have been disputations among you concerning the baptism of your little children.

6 And now, my son, I desire that ye should labor diligently, that this gross error should be removed from

among you; for, for this intent I have written this epistle.

7 For immediately after I had learned these things of you I inquired of the Lord concerning the matter. And the word of the Lord came to me by the power of the Holy Ghost, saying:

8 Listen to the words of Christ, your Redeemer, your Lord and your God. Behold, I came into the world not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance; the whole need no physician, but they that are sick; wherefore, little children are whole, for they are not capable of committing sin; wherefore the curse of Adam is taken from them in me, that it hath no power over them; and the law of circumcision is done away in me.

9 And after this manner did the Holy Ghost manifest the word of God unto me; wherefore, my beloved son, I know that it is solemn mockery before God, that ye should baptize little children.

10 Behold I say unto you that this thing shall ye teach—repentance and baptism unto those who are accountable and capable of committing sin; yea, teach parents that they must repent and be baptized, and humble themselves as their little children, and they shall all be saved with their little children.

11 And their little children need no repentance, neither baptism. Behold, baptism is unto repentance to the fulfilling the commandments unto the remission of sins.

12 But little children are alive in Christ, even from the foundation of the world; if not so, God is a partial

48c 1 Jn. 3:2 (1-3); 3 Ne. 27:27.  
d 3 Ne. 19:28 (28-29).  
TG Cleanliness; Purity.  
8 1a W of M 1:1.  
3a Ex. 34:6 (5-7); Mosiah 4:11.  
b TG Grace.  
4a TG Disputations.  
7a TG Word of the Lord.

8a D&C 15:1.  
b Mark 2:17.  
c Mark 10:14 (13-16).  
TG Conceived in Sin.  
d Mosiah 3:16; D&C 29:46; 74:7.  
e TG Sin.  
f Mosiah 3:16; Morm. 9:12.  
g Gen. 17:11 (10-27); Acts 15:24.

TG Circumcision.  
9a 2 Ne. 31:13.  
10a TG Accountability.  
b TG Family, Children, Responsibilities toward; Family, Love within.  
11a TG Baptism, Qualifications for; Children.  
b TG Remission of Sins.  
12a D&C 29:46; 93:38.



God, and also a changeable God, and a <sup>b</sup>respector to persons; for how many little children have died without baptism!

13 Wherefore, if little children could not be saved without baptism, these must have gone to an endless hell.

14 Behold I say unto you, that he that supposeth that little children need baptism is in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity; for he hath neither <sup>a</sup>faith, hope, nor charity; wherefore, should he be cut off while in the thought, he must go down to hell.

15 For awful is the wickedness to suppose that God saveth one child because of baptism, and the other must perish because he hath no baptism.

16 Wo be unto them that shall pervert the ways of the Lord after this manner, for they shall perish except they repent. Behold, I speak with boldness, having <sup>a</sup>authority from God; and I fear not what man can do; for <sup>b</sup>perfect <sup>c</sup>love <sup>d</sup>casteth out all fear.

17 And I am filled with <sup>a</sup>charity, which is everlasting love; wherefore, all children are alike unto me; wherefore, I love little children with a perfect love; and they are all alike and <sup>b</sup>partakers of salvation.

18 For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is <sup>a</sup>unchangeable from <sup>b</sup>all eternity to all eternity.

19 Little <sup>a</sup>children cannot repent; wherefore, it is awful wickedness to deny the pure mercies of God unto

them, for they are all alive in him because of his <sup>b</sup>mercy.

20 And he that saith that little children need baptism denieth the mercies of Christ, and setteth at naught the <sup>a</sup>atonement of him and the power of his redemption.

21 Wo unto such, for they are in danger of death, <sup>a</sup>hell, and an <sup>b</sup>endless torment. I speak it boldly; God hath commanded me. Listen unto them and give heed, or they stand against you at the <sup>c</sup>judgment-seat of Christ.

22 For behold that all little children are <sup>a</sup>alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the <sup>b</sup>law. For the power of <sup>c</sup>redemption cometh on all them that have <sup>a</sup>no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent; and unto such baptism availeth nothing—

23 But it is mockery before God, denying the mercies of Christ, and the power of his Holy Spirit, and putting trust in <sup>a</sup>dead works.

24 Behold, my son, this thing ought not to be; for <sup>a</sup>repentance is unto them that are under condemnation and under the curse of a broken law.

25 And the first fruits of <sup>a</sup>repentance is <sup>b</sup>baptism; and baptism cometh by faith unto the fulfilling the commandments; and the fulfilling the commandments bringeth <sup>c</sup>remission of sins;

26 And the remission of sins bringeth <sup>a</sup>meekness, and lowliness of heart; and because of meekness and lowliness of heart cometh the

12b Eph. 6:9;  
D&C 38:16.  
14a 1 Cor. 13:13 (1-13);  
Ether 12:3 (3-37);  
Moro. 7:1; 10:20 (20-23).  
16a TG Authority.  
b TG Perfection.  
c TG Love.  
d 1 Jn. 4:18.  
17a TG Charity.  
b Mosiah 3:16 (16-19).  
18a Alma 7:20;  
Morm. 9:9.

TG God, Perfection of.  
b Moro. 7:22.  
19a Luke 18:16 (15-17).  
b TG God, Mercy of.  
20a TG Jesus Christ,  
Atonement through;  
Salvation, Plan of.  
21a TG Hell.  
b Jacob 6:10;  
Mosiah 28:3;  
D&C 19:12 (10-12).  
c TG Jesus Christ, Judge.  
22a TG Salvation of Little

Children.  
b Acts 17:30.  
c TG Redemption.  
d TG Accountability.  
23a D&C 22:2.  
24a TG Repent.  
25a TG Baptism,  
Qualifications for.  
b Moses 6:60.  
c D&C 76:52.  
TG Remission of Sins.  
26a TG Meek.

visitation of the <sup>b</sup>Holy Ghost, which <sup>c</sup>Comforter <sup>d</sup>filleth with hope and perfect <sup>e</sup>love, which love endureth by <sup>f</sup>diligence unto <sup>g</sup>prayer, until the end shall come, when all the <sup>h</sup>saints shall dwell with God.

27 Behold, my son, I will write unto you again if I go not out soon against the Lamanites. Behold, the <sup>a</sup>pride of this nation, or the people of the Nephites, hath proven their destruction except they should repent.

28 Pray for them, my son, that repentance may come unto them. But behold, I fear lest the Spirit hath <sup>a</sup>ceased <sup>b</sup>striving with them; and in this part of the land they are also seeking to put down all power and authority which cometh from God; and they are <sup>c</sup>denying the Holy Ghost.

29 And after rejecting so great a knowledge, my son, they must perish soon, unto the fulfilling of the prophecies which were spoken by the prophets, as well as the words of our Savior himself.

30 Farewell, my son, until I shall write unto you, or shall meet you again. Amen.

The second epistle of Mormon to his son Moroni.

Comprising chapter 9.

CHAPTER 9

Both the Nephites and the Lamanites are depraved and degenerate—They torture and murder each other—Mormon

26b TG Holy Ghost,  
Baptism of.  
c TG Holy Ghost,  
Comforter;  
Holy Ghost, Mission of.  
d 1 Ne. 11:22 (22-25).  
TG Hope.  
e 1 Pet. 1:22.  
f TG Diligence;  
Perseverance.  
g TG Prayer.  
h TG Saints.  
27a D&C 38:39.

TG Pride.  
28a TG Holy Ghost, Loss of.  
b Morm. 5:16;  
Moro. 9:4.  
c Alma 39:6.  
TG Holy Ghost,  
Unpardonable Sin  
against.  
9 3a TG Anger.  
4a 2 Ne. 1:26 (26-27);  
W of M 1:17;  
D&C 121:43 (41-43).  
b TG Hardheartedness.

c Moro. 8:28;  
D&C 1:33.  
5a Morm. 4:11 (11-12).  
6a TG Dedication;  
Diligence;  
Perseverance.  
b 1 Sam. 8:9;  
2 Cor. 5:9;  
Jacob 1:19;  
Enos 1:20.  
TG Duty;  
Priesthood, Magnifying  
Callings within.

prays that grace and goodness may rest upon Moroni forever. About A.D. 401.

My beloved son, I write unto you again that ye may know that I am yet alive; but I write somewhat of that which is grievous.

2 For behold, I have had a sore battle with the Lamanites, in which we did not conquer; and Archeantus has fallen by the sword, and also Luram and Emron; yea, and we have lost a great number of our choice men.

3 And now behold, my son, I fear lest the Lamanites shall destroy this people; for they do not repent, and Satan stirreth them up continually to <sup>a</sup>anger one with another.

4 Behold, I am laboring with them continually; and when I speak the word of God with <sup>a</sup>sharpness they tremble and anger against me; and when I use no sharpness they <sup>b</sup>harden their hearts against it; wherefore, I fear lest the Spirit of the Lord hath ceased <sup>c</sup>striving with them.

5 For so exceedingly do they anger that it seemeth me that they have no fear of death; and they have lost their love, one towards another; and they <sup>a</sup>thirst after blood and revenge continually.

6 And now, my beloved son, notwithstanding their hardness, let us labor <sup>a</sup>diligently; for if we should cease to <sup>b</sup>labor, we should be brought under condemnation; for we have a labor to perform whilst in this tabernacle of clay, that we may conquer the enemy of all righteousness, and rest our souls in the kingdom of God.

7 And now I write somewhat concerning the sufferings of this people.

For according to the knowledge which I have received from Amoron, behold, the Lamanites have many prisoners, which they took from the tower of Sherrizah; and there were men, women, and children.

8 And the husbands and fathers of those women and children they have slain; and they feed the women upon the <sup>a</sup>flesh of their husbands, and the children upon the flesh of their fathers; and no water, save a little, do they give unto them.

9 And notwithstanding this great <sup>a</sup>abomination of the Lamanites, it doth not exceed that of our people in Moriantum. For behold, many of the daughters of the Lamanites have they taken prisoners; and after <sup>b</sup>depriving them of that which was most dear and precious above all things, which is <sup>c</sup>chastity and <sup>d</sup>virtue—

10 And after they had done this thing, they did murder them in a most <sup>c</sup>cruel manner, torturing their bodies even unto death; and after they have done this, they devour their flesh like unto wild beasts, because of the hardness of their hearts; and they do it for a token of bravery.

11 O my beloved son, how can a people like this, that are without civilization—

12 (And only a few years have passed away, and they were a civil and a delightful people)

13 But O my son, how can a people like this, whose <sup>a</sup>delight is in so much abomination—

14 How can we expect that God will <sup>a</sup>stay his hand in judgment against us?

15 Behold, my heart cries: Wo unto this people. Come out in judgment, O God, and hide their sins, and wickedness, and abominations from before thy face!

16 And again, my son, there are many <sup>a</sup>widows and their daughters who remain in Sherrizah; and that part of the provisions which the Lamanites did not carry away, behold, the army of Zenephi has carried away, and left them to wander whithersoever they can for food; and many old women do faint by the way and die.

17 And the army which is with me is weak; and the armies of the Lamanites are betwixt Sherrizah and me; and as many as have fled to the army of <sup>a</sup>Aaron have fallen victims to their awful brutality.

18 O the depravity of my people! They are without <sup>a</sup>order and without mercy. Behold, I am but a man, and I have but the <sup>b</sup>strength of a man, and I cannot any longer enforce my commands.

19 And they have become strong in their perversion; and they are alike brutal, sparing none, neither old nor young; and they delight in everything save that which is good; and the suffering of our women and our children upon all the face of this land doth exceed everything; yea, tongue cannot tell, neither can it be written.

20 And now, my son, I dwell no longer upon this horrible scene. Behold, thou knowest the wickedness of this people; thou knowest that they are without principle, and past feeling; and their wickedness doth <sup>a</sup>exceed that of the Lamanites.

21 Behold, my son, I cannot recommend them unto God lest he should smite me.

22 But behold, my son, I recommend thee unto God, and I trust in Christ that thou wilt be saved; and I <sup>a</sup>pray unto God that he will <sup>b</sup>spare thy life, to witness the return of his

8a Lev. 26:29;  
1 Ne. 21:26.  
9a TG Body, Sanctity of.  
b TG Sensuality.  
c TG Chastity.  
d TG Virtue.  
10a TG Cruelty.

13a 2 Ne. 9:9 (8-9);  
Jacob 3:11.  
14a 2 Sam. 24:16;  
Alma 10:23.  
16a Mosiah 21:10 (10, 17).  
TG Widows.  
17a Morm. 2:9.

18a TG Order.  
b TG Strength.  
20a Hel. 6:34 (18-35).  
22a W of M 1:8.  
b Morm. 8:3.

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people unto him, or their utter destruction; for I know that they must perish except they <sup>c</sup>repent and return unto him.

23 And if they perish it will be like unto the <sup>a</sup>Jaredites, because of the wilfulness of their hearts, <sup>b</sup>seeking for blood and <sup>c</sup>revenge.

24 And if it so be that they perish, we know that many of our brethren have <sup>a</sup>deserted over unto the Lamanites, and many more will also desert over unto them; wherefore, write somewhat a few things, if thou art spared and I shall perish and not see thee; but I trust that I may see thee soon; for I have sacred records that I would <sup>b</sup>deliver up unto thee.

25 My son, be faithful in Christ; and may not the things which I have written grieve thee, to weigh thee down unto <sup>a</sup>death; but may Christ lift thee up, and may his sufferings and death, and the showing his body unto our fathers, and his mercy and <sup>b</sup>long-suffering, and the hope of his glory and of eternal life, rest in your <sup>c</sup>mind forever.

26 And may the grace of God the Father, whose throne is high in the heavens, and our Lord Jesus Christ, who sitteth on the <sup>a</sup>right hand of his power, until all things shall become subject unto him, be, and abide with you forever. Amen.

CHAPTER 10

A testimony of the Book of Mormon comes by the power of the Holy Ghost—

*The gifts of the Spirit are dispensed to the faithful—Spiritual gifts always accompany faith—Moroni's words speak from the dust—Come unto Christ, be perfected in Him, and sanctify your souls. About A.D. 421.*

Now I, Moroni, write somewhat as seemeth me good; and I write unto my brethren, the <sup>a</sup>Lamanites; and I would that they should know that more than <sup>b</sup>four hundred and twenty years have passed away since the sign was given of the coming of Christ.

2 And I <sup>a</sup>seal up <sup>b</sup>these records, after I have spoken a few words by way of exhortation unto you.

3 Behold, I would exhort you that when ye shall read these things, if it be wisdom in God that ye should read them, that ye would remember how <sup>a</sup>merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men, from the creation of Adam even down until the time that ye shall receive these things, and <sup>b</sup>ponder it in your <sup>c</sup>hearts.

4 And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would <sup>a</sup>ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not <sup>b</sup>true; and if ye shall ask with a <sup>c</sup>sincere heart, with <sup>d</sup>real intent, having <sup>e</sup>faith in Christ, he will <sup>f</sup>manifest the <sup>g</sup>truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

5 And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may <sup>a</sup>know the <sup>b</sup>truth of all things.

6 And whatsoever thing is good is

22c 1 Sam. 7:3;  
Hel. 13:11;  
3 Ne. 10:6 (5-7); 24:7.  
23a Jacob 5:44.  
b Morm. 4:11 (11-12).  
c Ether 15:22 (15-31).  
24a Alma 45:14.  
b Morm. 6:6; 8:1.  
25a TG Jesus Christ,  
Death of.  
b TG Forbear.  
c TG Mind.  
26a TG Jesus Christ,  
Relationships with the  
Father.  
10 1a D&C 10:48.  
b Morm. 8:5;

Moro. 1:1.  
2a Morm. 5:12; 8:4 (4, 13-14).  
TG Scriptures,  
Preservation of;  
Seal.  
b Morm. 6:6.  
3a Gen. 19:16.  
b Deut. 11:18.  
TG Meditation;  
Study.  
c Deut. 6:6.  
4a TG Prayer.  
b 1 Ne. 13:39; 14:30;  
Mosiah 1:6;  
Alma 3:12;  
Ether 4:11 (6-11);  
5:3 (1-4).

TG Book of Mormon.  
c TG Honesty;  
Sincere.  
d James 1:5 (5-7);  
Moro. 7:9.  
e TG Faith.  
f TG Revelation.  
g Ps. 145:18.  
TG Guidance, Divine;  
Truth.  
5a D&C 35:19.  
TG Discernment,  
Spiritual;  
Holy Ghost, Source of  
Testimony.  
b John 8:32.