

# WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF MORMON TEACH?

Class 11



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About  
'Those Who Knew No Law'

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1830

# What was the Church Directive in 1831

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1831-Directive

- DC 42:5a (February 9, 1831)

And again, the elders, priests, and teachers of this church shall teach the principles of my gospel which are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, in which is the fullness of the gospel;

# What was the Church Admonition in 1832

1830-Published (and church among Gentiles restored)

1831-Directive

1832-Admonition DC 83:8b

And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all; and they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written,

# Why the Title of this class?

## Class is “What the Book of Mormon Teaches”

A Problem: Oral Tradition or certain notions/teachings of the Restoration have not always been synonymous with What the Book of Mormon Teaches.

# The Thief on the Cross --Luke 23

32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

# The Thief on the Cross --Luke 23

35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

# The Thief on the Cross --Luke 23

38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

# The Thief on the Cross --Luke 23

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

# The Thief on the Cross --Luke 23

44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

# 1 Nephi 3:125-127

125 And the mists of darkness are the temptations of the devil which blindeth the eyes and hardeneth the hearts of the children of men, And leadeth them away into broad roads, that they perish and are lost.

126 "And the large and spacious building which thy father saw is vain imaginations and the pride of the children of men;

**127 And a great and a terrible gulf divideth them,** Yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God and Jesus Christ, which is the Lamb of God, of whom the Holy Ghost beareth record from the beginning of the world until this time, And from this time henceforth and forever."

# He Brings Us OVER the GULF Alma 14:101

- Behold, He did not exercise His justice upon us, But in His great mercy hath **brought us over that everlasting gulf of death and misery**, even to the salvation of our souls.

# He Brings Us OVER the GULF

- Helaman 2:26
- Yea, we see that whosoever will lay hold upon the word of God, which is quick and powerful, Which shall divide asunder all the cunning and the snares and the wiles of the devil,
- And lead the man of Christ in a strait and narrow course across that everlasting gulf of misery which is prepared to engulf the wicked, And land their souls, yea, their immortal souls, at the right hand of God in the kingdom of heaven, To sit down with Abraham and Isaac and with Jacob and with all our holy fathers to go no more out.

# What Do Works PROVE?

[Alma 19:105](#) But God ceaseth not to be God, And mercy claimeth the **penitent**, And mercy cometh because of the atonement; And the atonement bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead, And the resurrection of the dead bringeth back men into the presence of God.

[Alma 19:106](#) And thus they are restored into His presence, to be judged according to their works, according to the law and justice; For behold, justice exerciseth all his demands, And also mercy claimeth all which is her own; And thus, none but the truly **penitent** are saved.

# What Do Works PROVE?

## [2 Nephi 1:72](#)

Behold, He offereth Himself a sacrifice for sin to answer the ends of the law unto all those which have a broken heart and a contrite spirit,

And unto none else can the ends of the law be answered.

# Quiz...The Book of Mormon Teaches:

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(TRUE / FALSE)

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[Moroni 8:25](#) For behold that all little children are **alive** in **Christ**, and also all they that are without the law;

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2. God is partial, is a respecter of persons.

(TRUE / FALSE)

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**Moroni 8:13** But little children are alive in Christ, even from the foundation of the world; **If not so, God is a partial God, and also a changeable Being and a respecter to persons;** For how many little children have died without baptism?

## Quiz...The Book of Mormon Teaches:

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**Moroni 8:26 For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; Wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, **And unto such baptism availeth nothing;****

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[Moroni 8:11](#) "Behold, I say unto you that this thing shall ye teach: Repentance and **baptism unto they which 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; And their little children need no repentance, neither baptism.

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6. Only baptized children are saved.

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[Moroni 8:16](#) 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;

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7. Nothing we can do could ever Mock God.

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- [Moroni 8:10](#) 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.
- [Moroni 8:27](#) But it is **mockery** before God denying the mercies of Christ and the power of His Holy Spirit and putting trust in dead works.

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**TRUE**

[Moroni 8:21](#) And He that saith that little children needeth baptism denieth the mercies of Christ and setteth at naught the **atonement** of Him and the **power** of His redemption;

...but not just children...

What does the book of Mormon Teach

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

24 O how great the goodness of our God! Who prepareth a way for our escape from the grasp of this awful monster

25 Yea, that monster death and hell, which I call the death of the body, and also the death of the spirit;

26 And because of the way of deliverance of our God, the Holy One of Israel, this death of which I have spoken, which is the temporal, shall deliver up its dead, which death is the grave;

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

27 And this death of which I have spoken, which is the spiritual death, shall deliver up its dead, which spiritual death is hell;

28 Wherefore, death and hell must deliver up its dead; And hell must deliver up its captive spirits,

29 And the grave must deliver up its captive bodies, And the bodies and the spirits of men will be restored one to the other,

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

30 And it is by the power of the resurrection of the Holy One of Israel.

31 O how great the plan of our God! For on the other hand, the paradise of God must deliver up the spirits of the righteous, And the grave deliver up the bodies of the righteous,

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

32 And the spirit and the body is restored to itself again and all men become incorruptible and immortal; And they are living souls, having a perfect knowledge like unto us in the flesh,

33 Save it be that our knowledge shall be perfect;

34 Wherefore, we shall have a perfect knowledge of all our guilt and our uncleanness and our nakedness;

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

35 And the righteous shall have a perfect knowledge of their enjoyment and their righteousness, being clothed with purity, Yea, even with the robe of righteousness.

36 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;

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

37 And then cometh the judgment; And then must they be judged according to the holy judgment of God;

38 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 which are righteous shall be righteous still, And they which are filthy shall be filthy still;

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

39 Wherefore, they which are filthy are the devil and his angels,

40 And they shall go away into everlasting fire prepared for them; And their torment is a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flames ascendeth up forever and ever and hath no end.

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

41 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.

42 But behold, the righteous, the saints of the Holy One of Israel - They which have believed in the Holy One of Israel, They which 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.

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

43 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.

44 O how great the holiness of our God! For He knoweth all things and there is not anything save He knows it;

45 And He cometh into the world that He may save all men, if they will hearken unto His voice.

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

46 For behold, He suffereth the pains of all men, Yea, the pains of every living creature - both men and women and children - which belong to the family of Adam;

47 And He suffereth this that the resurrection might pass upon all men, that all might stand before Him at the great and judgment day.

48 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;

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

49 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,

50 For the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, hath spoken it.

51 Wherefore, He hath given a law; And where there is no law given, there is no punishment;

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

52 And where there is no punishment, there is no condemnation;

53 And where there is no condemnation, the mercies of the Holy One of Israel hath claim upon them because of the atonement,

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

54 For they are delivered by the power of Him;  
For the atonement satisfieth the demands of His  
justice upon all those who hath 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;

55 And they are restored to that God who gave  
them breath, which is the Holy One of Israel.

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

56 But wo unto him that hath the law given! Yea, that hath 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!

57 O that cunning plan of the evil one!

58 O the vainness and the frailties and the foolishness of men!

## 2 Nephi 6:24 - 2 Nephi 6:60

59 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;

60 Wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not; Wherefore, they shall perish;

61 But to be learned is good, if it so be that they hearken unto the counsels of God.

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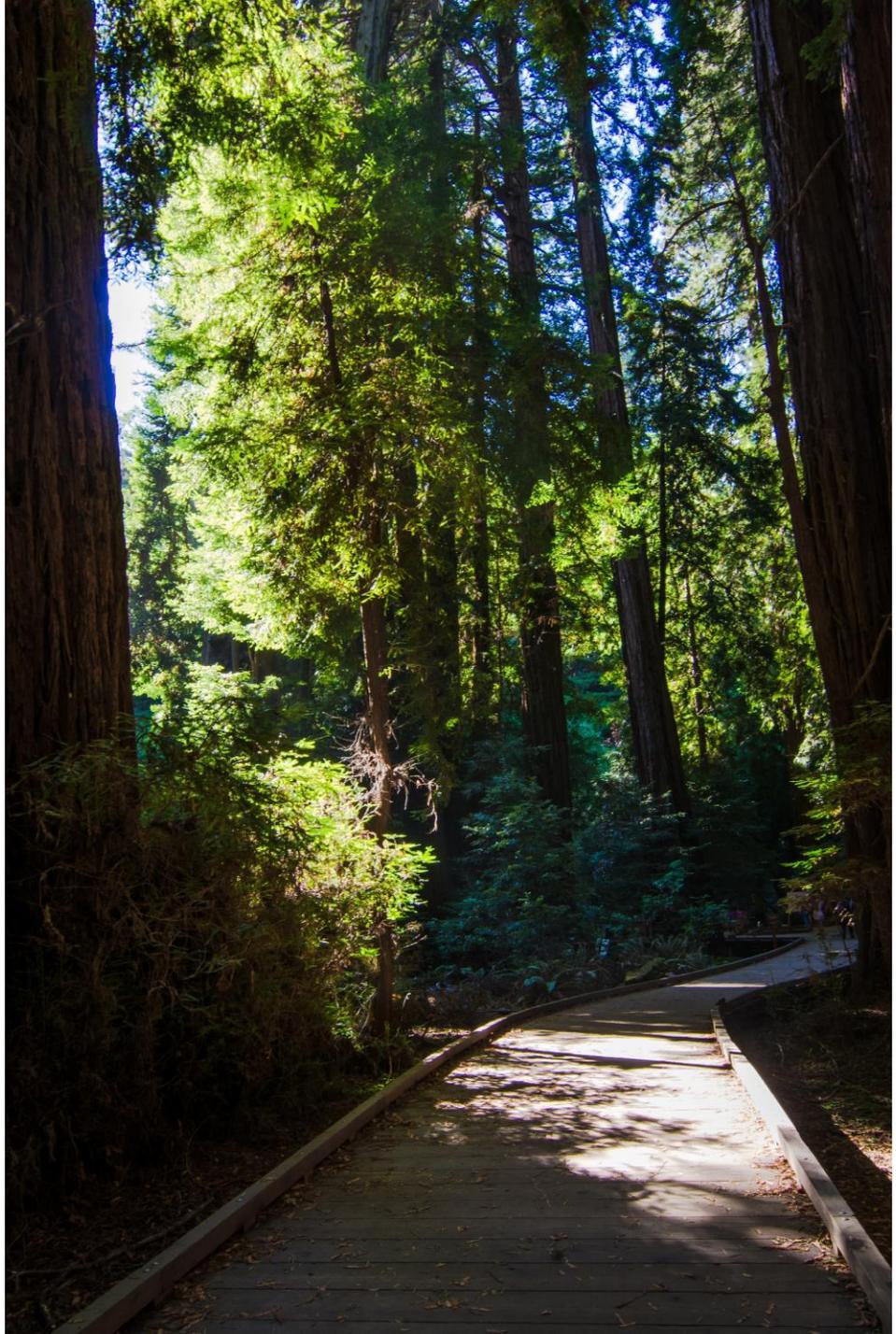
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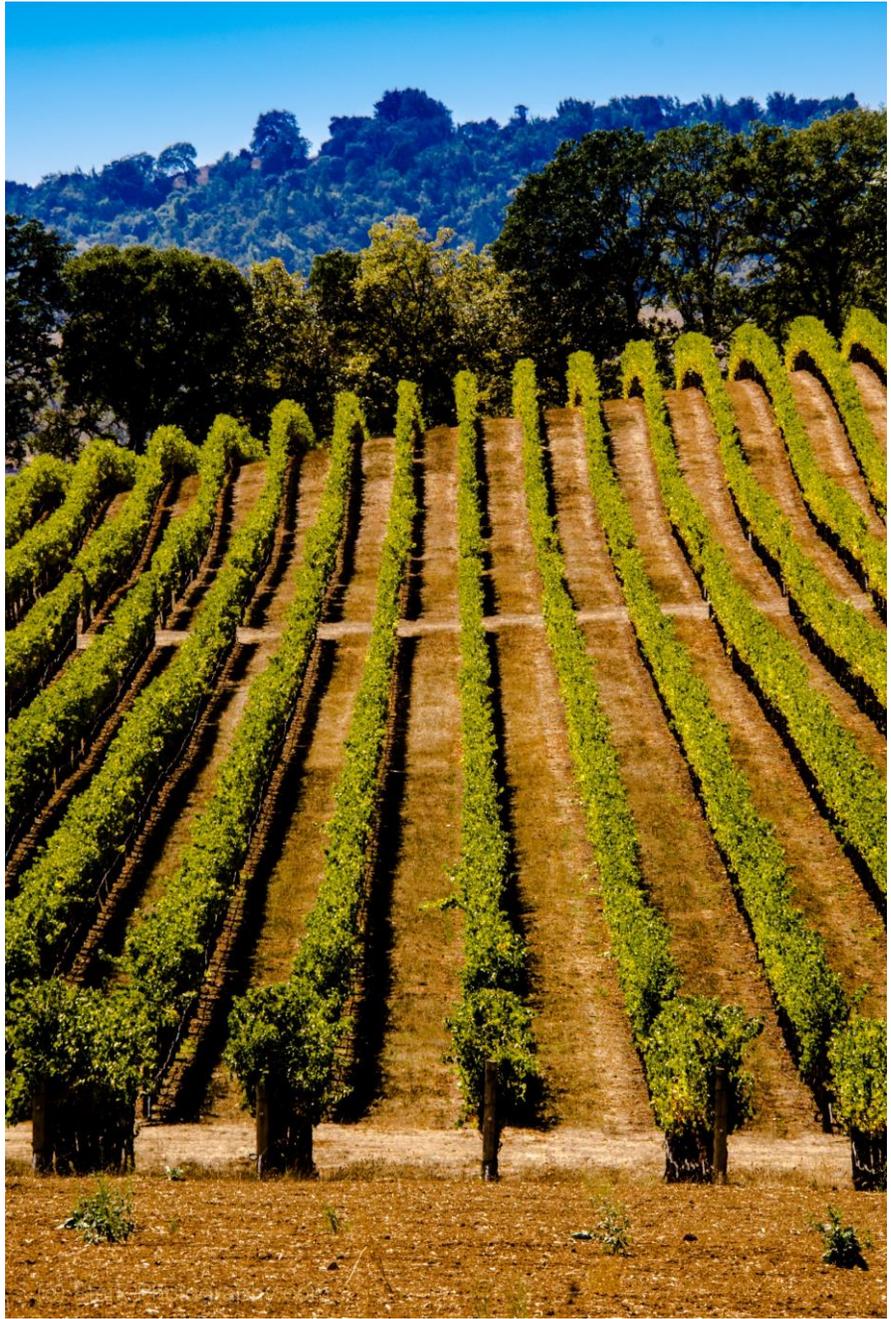


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# What the Book of Mormon Teaches about

- Those who knew no law...

- All will Meet God and confess his name.
- Those who were more righteous—those who kept the law, those not able to keep the law, little children

# TBOMT

If you are broken and contrite, your sin will be removed because then grace can be applied.

Grace can not be applied if you knew but did not willingly commit.

If sin is removed, You are FULLY restored to God

BUT TBOMT GOD IS FAIR IN THIS.

# TBOMT

Paradise or Darkness.

Darkness is for those who rebelled and died in their sins.

# The Book of Mormon Teaches:

- At temporal death, go to Paradise or Darkness
- Per Alma, this is NOT 'resurrection'
- Resurrection is at appointed time when body reunites with spirit inseparably.
- Notice the language of resurrection
- Good or evil restored.
- Same Spirit that possessed
- **THOSE WHO INTENTIONALLY REBEL AGAINST GOD IN OUTER DARKNESS.**

# Whosoever will lay hold

## Helaman 2:26

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which is quick and powerful,  
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fathers to go no more out.

# Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

34 Yea, even so He shall be led, crucified and slain, the flesh becoming subject even unto death, The will of the Son being swallowed up in the will of the Father.

35 "And thus God breaketh the bands of death, Having gained the victory over death, giving the Son power to make intercession for the children of men,

36 Having ascended into heaven, Having the bowels of mercy being filled with compassion toward the children of men,

# Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

37 standing betwixt them and justice, Having broken the bands of death, taken upon Himself their iniquity and their transgressions, Having redeemed them and satisfied the demands of justice.

38 "And now I say unto you, who shall declare His generation?

39 Behold, I say unto you that when His soul has been made an offering for sin, He shall see His seed.

# Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

40 "And now, what say ye? And who shall be His seed?

41 Behold, I say unto you that whosoever hath heard the words of the prophets, yea, all the holy prophets which have prophesied concerning the coming of the Lord -

# Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

42 I say unto you, that all those who hath hearkened unto their words and believed that the Lord would redeem His people and have looked forward to that day for a remission of their sins -

43 I say unto you, that these are His seed, or they are heirs of the kingdom of God,

44 For these are they whose sins He hath borne; These are they for whom He hath died to redeem them from their transgressions;

45 And now, are they not His seed?

## Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

46 "Yea, and are not the prophets, everyone that has opened his mouth to prophesy that has not fallen into transgression - I mean all the holy prophets ever since the world began -

47 I say unto you that they are His seed. "And these are they which hath published peace, That hath brought good tidings of good, That hath published salvation, That saith unto Zion, 'Thy God reigneth! '

# Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

52 Yea, even the Lord who hath redeemed His people, Yea, Him who hath granted salvation unto His people;

53 For were it not for the redemption which He hath made for His people, which was prepared from the foundation of the world, I say unto you, were it not for this, that all mankind must have perished.

## Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

54 "But behold, the bands of death shall be broken; And the Son reigneth and hath power over the dead; Therefore, He bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead.

55 "And there cometh a resurrection, even a first resurrection; Yea, even a resurrection of those that have been, and which are, and which shall be, Even until the resurrection of Christ, for so shall He be called.

# Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

56 "And now, the resurrection of all the prophets and all those that have believed in their words, or all those that have kept the commandments of God, These shall come forth in the first resurrection; Therefore, they are the first resurrection;

57 They are raised to dwell with God who hath redeemed them, Thus they have eternal life through Christ who hath broken the bands of death.

## Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

58 "And there are those who have part in the first resurrection; And these are they that have died before Christ came, in their ignorance, not having salvation declared unto them;

59 And thus the Lord bringeth about the restoration of these; And they have a part in the first resurrection, or hath eternal life, being redeemed by the Lord.

# Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

60 "And little children also hath eternal life.

61 "But behold and fear and tremble before God, for ye had ought to tremble, For the Lord redeemeth none such that rebelleth against Him and dieth in their sins,

## Mosiah 8—'Who Shall Be His Seed'

62 Yea, even all those that have perished in their sins ever since the world began, that have willfully rebelled against God, that have known the commandments of God and would not keep them; These are they that have no part in the first resurrection.

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# Willfull Rebellion Mosiah 8:61-65

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Yea, neither can the Lord redeem such, for He cannot deny Himself.

**For He cannot deny justice when it hath its claim.**

# Power to save who???

## Alma 9:27

That He is just in all His works,

And that He is merciful unto the children of men,

**And that He hath all power to save every man that believeth on His name**

and bringeth forth fruit meet for repentance.

## Alma 8:97

Therefore, the wicked remain as though there had been no redemption made, except it be the loosing of the bands of death.

[2 Nephi 6:72](#) And in fine, wo unto all they that die in their sins! **for they shall return to God and behold His face and remain in their sins.**

[Mosiah 1:74](#) For behold, there is a wo pronounced upon him that listeth to obey that spirit; **For if he listeth to obey him and remaineth and dieth in his sins,** the same drinketh damnation to his own soul,

## Alma 16:227 - Alma 16:234

227 Yea, I would that ye would come forth and harden not your hearts any longer; For behold, now is the time and the day of your salvation;

And therefore, if ye will repent and harden not your hearts, Immediately shall the great plan of redemption be brought about unto you;

228 For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; Yea, behold, the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors.

## Alma 16:227 - Alma 16:234

229 "And now, as I said unto you before, as ye have had so many witnesses,

Therefore, I beseech of you that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end;

230 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 night of darkness wherein there can be no labor performed.

## Alma 16:227 - Alma 16:234

231 "Ye cannot say when ye are brought to that awful crisis that ' I will repent, that I will return to my God ';

232 Nay, ye cannot say this, For that same spirit which doth 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.

## Alma 16:227 - Alma 16:234

233 "For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance, even until death, Behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, And he doth seal you his;

## Alma 16:227 - Alma 16:234

234 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.

# The Final State? 1 Nephi 4:61

Wherefore, the final state of the souls of men

is to  dwell in the kingdom of God,

or to be cast out

because of that justice of which I have spoken;

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# What does the Book of Mormon say...

[3 Nephi 3:42](#) And they did cause a great contention in the land, insomuch that the **more righteous** part of the people - although they were nearly all become wicked - yea, there were but few **righteous** men among them.

# What does the Book of Mormon say...

[3 Nephi 4:41](#) "O all ye that are spared because ye were **more righteous** than they! Will ye not now return unto Me and repent of your sins and be converted, that I may heal you?"

# What does the Book of Mormon say...

## [3 Nephi 4:66](#)

**And it was the more righteous part of the people which were saved,  
And it was they which received the prophets and stoned them not,  
And it was they which had not shed the blood of the saints which were  
spared;**

# The More Righteous were saved

- Baptism had been occurring by Nephi, Lehi in Zarahemla previously, and for generations.
- But the BoM doesn't limit those who were spared destruction as having perfectly entered the way (yet), but as those who were 'more righteous' who hadn't rejected and killed the prophets.

# Then, makes ALL THINGS NEW

## [3 Nephi 5:92](#)

**Old things are done away and all things have become new**, Therefore, I would that ye should be perfect even as I or your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

# Then, makes ALL THINGS NEW

## Revelation 21:5

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold,  
I make **all things new**.

And he said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful.

# Then, makes ALL THINGS NEW

## [Ether 6:9](#)

And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth;  
and they shall be like unto the old,  
save the old have passed away,  
**and all things have become new.**

# Then, makes ALL THINGS NEW

## DC 98:5b

And every corruptible thing, both of man, or of the beasts of the field, or of the fowls of heaven, or of the fish of the sea, that dwell upon all the face of the earth, shall be consumed;

and also, that of element shall melt with fervent heat;

and all things shall become new, that my knowledge and glory may dwell upon all the earth.

# Alma 19

Intro: The commandments of Alma to his son Coreanton.

1 And now my son, I have somewhat more to say unto thee than what I said unto thy brother; For behold, have ye not observed the steadiness of thy brother, his faithfulness and his diligence in keeping the commandments of God?

2 Behold, has he not set a good example for thee?

## Alma 19

3 For thou didst not give so much heed unto my words as did thy brother among the people of the Zoramites.

4 Now this is what I have against thee - Thou didst go on unto boasting in thy strength and thy wisdom.

## Alma 19

7 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.

8 For behold, if ye deny the Holy Ghost when it once hath had place in you - And ye know that ye deny it - Behold, this is a sin which is unpardonable.

## Alma 19

9 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!

10 And now my son, I would to God that ye had not been guilty of so great a crime;

## Alma 19

11 I would not dwell upon your crimes to harrow up your soul, if it were not for your good;

12 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.

13 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 no wise inherit the kingdom of God;

## Alma 19

14 O remember, and take it upon you and cross yourself in these things.

15 And I command you to take it upon you to counsel your elder brothers in your undertakings, For behold, thou art in thy youth and ye stand in need to be nourished by your brothers;

16 And give heed to their counsel; Suffer not yourself to be led away by any vain or foolish thing, Suffer not that the devil lead away your heart again after those wicked harlots.

## Alma 19

17 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.

18 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."

## Alma 19

19 Therefore, I command you, my son, in the fear of God, that ye refrain from your iniquities, 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;

20 But rather return unto them and acknowledge your faults and retain that wrong which ye have done; Seek not after riches nor the vain things of this world, For behold, you cannot carry them with you.

## Alma 19

21 And now my son, I would say somewhat unto you concerning the coming of Christ -

22 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.

## Alma 19

23 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.

24 And now I will ease your mind somewhat on this subject. Behold, you marvel why these things should be known so long beforehand;

## Alma 19

25 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?

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

27 Is it not as easy at this time for the Lord to send His angel to declare those glad tidings unto us as unto our children or as after the time of His coming?

## Alma 19

28 Now my son, here is somewhat more I would say unto thee, For I perceive that thy mind is worried concerning the resurrection of the dead;

29 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;

## Alma 19

30 Behold, He bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead; But behold, my son, the resurrection is not yet.

31 Now I unfold unto you a mystery - nevertheless, there are many mysteries which are kept that no one knoweth them save God Himself,

32 But I show unto you one thing which I have inquired diligently of God that I might know - that is, concerning the resurrection.

## Alma 19

33 Behold, there is a time appointed that all shall come forth from the dead,

34 Now when this time cometh, no one knows,  
But God knoweth the time which is appointed;

35 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.

## Alma 19

36 Now there must needs be a space betwixt the time of death and the time of the resurrection;

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

## Alma 19

38 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 man;

39 Therefore, there is a time appointed unto men that they shall rise from the dead, And there is a space between the time of death and the resurrection.

## Alma 19

40 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;

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

## Alma 19

42 Now concerning the state of the soul  
between death and the resurrection -

43 Behold, it hath 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.

## Alma 19

44 And then shall it come to pass that the spirits of those which 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, etc.

## Alma 19

45 And then shall it come to pass that the spirits of the wicked, yea, which 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 -

## Alma 19

46 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.

47 Now this is the state of the souls of the wicked, yea, in darkness, And a state of awful, fearful, looking for, of 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.

## Alma 19

48 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;

49 Yea, I admit it may be termed a resurrection - the raising of the spirit or the soul and their consignation to happiness or misery - according to the words which have been spoken.

## Alma 19

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

51 Now we do not suppose that this first resurrection which has been spoken of in this manner can be the resurrection of the souls and their consignation to happiness or misery - Ye cannot suppose that this is what it meaneth;

## Alma 19

52 Behold, I say unto you, Nay, But it meaneth the reuniting of the soul with the body of those from the days of Adam down to the resurrection of Christ.

53 Now whether the souls and the bodies of those of which have been spoken shall all be reunited at once, the wicked as well as the righteous, I do not say;

## Alma 19

54 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 which die after the resurrection of Christ.

55 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;

## Alma 19

56 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.

## Alma 19

57 Yea, this bringeth about the restoration of those things of which have been spoken by the mouths of the prophets -

58 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 their heads shall not be lost; But all things shall be restored to its proper and perfect frame.

## Alma 19

59 And now my son, this is the restoration of which has been spoken by the mouths of the prophets, And then shall the righteous shine forth in the kingdom of God.

60 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;

## Alma 19

61 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.

62 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;

## Alma 19

63 And I perceive that thy mind hath been worried also concerning this thing, But behold, I will explain it unto thee.

64 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;

## Alma 19

65 Behold, it is requisite and just, according to the power and resurrection of Christ, that the soul of man should be restored to its body, And that every part of the body should be restored to itself.

66 And it is requisite with the justice of God that men should be judged according to their works; And if their works were good in this life and the desires of their hearts were good, that they should also at the last day be restored unto that which is good;

## Alma 19

67 And if his works are evil, they shall be restored unto him for evil. Therefore, all things shall be restored to its proper order - everything to its natural frame, mortality raised to immortality, corruption to incorruption, Raised to endless happiness, to inherit the kingdom of God, Or, to endless misery, to inherit the kingdom of the devil;

## Alma 19

68 The one, on one hand; the other, on the other - The one, raised to happiness, according to his desires of happiness, or good, according to his desires of good; And the other, to evil, according to his desires of evil, For as he has desired to do evil all the day long, even so shall he have his reward of evil when the night cometh.

## Alma 19

69 And so it is on the other hand - If he hath repented of his sins and desired righteousness until the end of his days, even so shall he be rewarded unto righteousness -

70 These are they that are redeemed of the Lord, Yea, these are they that are taken out, that are delivered from that endless night of darkness. And thus they stand or fall, For behold, they are their own judges, whether to do good or do evil.

## Alma 19

71 Now the decrees of God are unalterable;  
Therefore, the way is prepared that whosoever  
will may walk therein and be saved.

72 And now behold, my son, do not risk one  
more offense against your God upon those  
points of doctrine which ye hath hitherto risked  
to commit sin;

73 Do not suppose because it hath been  
spoken concerning restoration that ye shall be  
restored from sin to happiness;

## Alma 19

74 Behold, I say unto you, wickedness never was happiness.

## Alma 19

75 And now, my son, all men that are in a state of nature - or I would say in a carnal state - are in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity; They are without God in the world, And they have gone contrary to the nature of God, Therefore, they are in a state contrary to the nature of happiness.

## Alma 19

76 And now behold, is the meaning of the word "restoration" to take a thing of a natural state and place it in an unnatural state, or to place it in a state opposite to its nature?

## Alma 19

77 O my son, this is not the case, But the meaning of the word "restoration" is to bring back again evil for evil, or carnal for carnal, or devilish for devilish, good for that which is good, righteous for that which is righteous, just for that which is just, merciful for that which is merciful.

## Alma 19

78 Therefore, my son, see that ye are merciful unto your brethren, Deal justly, judge righteously and do good continually; And if ye do all these things, then shall ye receive your reward -

## Alma 19

79 Yea, ye shall have mercy restored unto you again, Ye shall have justice restored unto you again, Ye shall have a righteous judgment restored unto you again,

## Alma 19

80 And ye shall have good rewarded unto you again; For that which ye doth send out shall return unto you again and be restored; Therefore, the word "restoration" more fully condemneth the sinner and justifieth him not at all.

## Alma 19

81 And now, my son, I perceive there is somewhat more which doth worry your mind which ye cannot understand, Which is concerning the justice of God in the punishment of the sinner, For ye do try to suppose that it is injustice that the sinner should be consigned to a state of misery.

## Alma 19

82 Now behold, my son, I will explain this thing unto thee. For behold, after the Lord God sent our first parents forth from the garden of Eden to till the ground, from whence he was taken, Yea, He drove out the man and He placed at the east end of the garden of Eden cherubim and flaming sword which turned every way to keep the tree of life -

## Alma 19

83 Now we see that the man had become as God, knowing good and evil, And lest he should put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat and live forever, That the Lord God placed cherubim and the flaming sword that he should not partake of the fruit.

## Alma 19

84 And thus we see that there was a time granted unto man to repent, Yea, a probationary time - A time to repent and serve God.

85 For behold, if Adam had put forth his hand immediately and partook of the tree of life, He would have lived forever, according to the word of God, having no space for repentance;

## Alma 19

86 Yea, and also the word of God would have been void, And the great plan of salvation would have been frustrated.

87 But behold, it was appointed unto man to die; Therefore, as they were cut off from the tree of life, Therefore, they should be cut off from the face of the earth and man became lost forever; Yea, they became fallen man.

## Alma 19

88 And now we see by this that our first parents were cut off, both temporally and spiritually, from the presence of the Lord, And thus we see they became subjects to follow after their own will.

89 Now behold, it was not expedient that man should be reclaimed from this temporal death, For that would destroy the great plan of happiness;

## Alma 19

92 And now remember, my son, if it were not for the plan of redemption - laying it aside - As soon as they were dead, their souls were miserable, being cut off from the presence of the Lord.

93 And now, there was no means to reclaim men from this fallen state which man had brought upon himself because of his own disobedience;

## Alma 19

94 Therefore, according to justice, the plan of redemption could not be brought about, only on conditions of repentance of men in this probationary state, yea, this preparatory state; For, except it were for these conditions, mercy could not take effect, except it should destroy the work of justice;

95 Now the work of justice could not be destroyed - If so, God would cease to be God.

## Alma 19

96 And thus we see that all mankind were fallen; And they were in the grasp of justice, yea, the justice of God which consigned them forever to be cut off from His presence.

97 And now the plan of mercy could not be brought about, except an atonement should be made; Therefore, God Himself atoneth for the sins of the world to bring about the plan of mercy to appease the demands of justice, that God might be a perfect, just God and a merciful God also.

## Alma 19

98 Now repentance could not come unto men except there were a punishment, which also was as eternal as the life of the soul should be, Affixed opposite to the plan of happiness, which was as eternal also as the life of the soul.

99 Now how could a man repent, except he should sin? How could he sin, if there was no law? How could there be a law, save there was a punishment?

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**Genesis 7:63** And he heard a loud voice, and the heavens were veiled; and all the creations of God mourned, and the earth groaned; and the rocks were rent; and the saints arose, and were crowned at the **right hand** of the Son of Man, with crowns of glory.