



Whose Heart?

Class 01

Book of Mormon Class

Living Hope Congregation, Independence, MO.

Where Is Your Family From??









Every Class begins with....

...A Question.

The question comes from the scriptures....

Questions regarding the Gentiles

the 'R' word.....

[1 Nephi 3:210](#) And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, Nephi, saying: "Thou hast beheld that if the **Gentiles repent**, it shall be well with them;

[2 Nephi 12:77](#) For behold I say unto you, As many of the **Gentiles** as will **repent** are the covenant people of the Lord; And as many of the Jews as will not **repent** shall be cast off;

[3 Nephi 7:38](#) 'But if the **Gentiles** will **repent** and return unto Me, ' saith the Father, 'Behold, they shall be numbered among My people, O house of Israel;

[3 Nephi 9:56](#) "'And it shall come to pass, ' saith the Father, 'that the sword of My justice shalt hang over them at that day; And except they **repent**, it shall fall upon them, ' saith the Father, 'yea, even upon all the nations of the **Gentiles**.'

The Gentiles Need to..... Repent?

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.....but the second question is.....

Repent from What?

Little Blue Mornings...



The Heart



- Today we think of Mind as Reasoning and Control;
- But the Heart is Emotion.

- But To Scripture Writers The Heart was not emotion.
- The Heart was your thoughts, your life, your will, your intentions. Sin originates in the heart. The Heart defined your purpose.

- A Broken Heart isn't sad. The Will is broken.

The Book of Mormon

- Speaks directly about the Heart.
- It teaches the Heart that must change.

- New Testament presents Christianity as a Checklist.
- Book of Mormon presents Christianity as a CHANGE.

Sin vs Willful Rebellion

Sin can be in ignorance.

KB mentions borrowing and not returning.

Not true of Willful Rebellion.

Willful Rebellion is when you KNOW the truth and you don't care.

Willful Rebellion is when you KNOW change is needed and you won't change.

Sin can lead to

Dwindling in unbelief.

Willful Rebellion is what leads to....

.....A Hard Heart.

Destruction.

Amulek says

Alma 8:6-8

Nevertheless, after all this, I never have known much of the ways of the Lord and His mysteries and marvelous power.

I said I never had known much of these things, but behold I mistake, for I have seen much of His mysteries and His miraculous power, Yea, even in the preservation of the lives of this people.

Nevertheless, I did harden my heart, for I was called many times and I **would not hear**;

Therefore, I knew concerning these things, yet I **would not** know.

With Sin....

You may not have knowledge that your sin is Contrary to God.

With Willful Rebellion....

You know yet choose rebellion.

Whose Heart in Scripture?

Original House of Israel-12 Tribes

Mosiah 1

109 'And the Lord God hath sent His holy prophets among all the children of men to declare these things to every kindred, nation and tongue, That thereby whosoever should believe that Christ should come, the same might receive remission of their sins and rejoice with exceeding great joy, even as though He had already come among them.

Mosiah 1

110 'Yet the Lord God saw that His people were a stiff-necked people and He appointed unto them a law, even the law of Moses.

Mosiah 1

111 'And many signs and wonders and types and shadows showed He unto them concerning His coming;

112 And also holy prophets spake unto them concerning His coming,

Mosiah 1

113 And yet they hardened their hearts and
understood not that the law of Moses availeth
nothing, except it were through the atonement of His
blood.

Whose Heart?

Ancient Israel?

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Ancient Israel? - **HARDENED HEARTS TO GOD!**

The Jews of Nephi's Days.....

2 Nephi 11

15 And as one generation hath been destroyed among the Jews because of iniquity, Even so have they been destroyed from generation to generation according to their iniquities;

2 Nephi 11

16 And never hath any of them been destroyed, save it were foretold them by the prophets of the Lord;

2 Nephi 11:15-16— SYNONOMOUS PARALLELISM

(A) And as one generation hath been destroyed
among the Jews because of iniquity,

(B) Even so have they been destroyed from
generation to generation according to their iniquities;

2 Nephi 11

17 Wherefore, it hath been told them concerning the destruction which should come upon them immediately after my father left Jerusalem;

2 Nephi 11

18 Nevertheless, **they hardened their hearts** and, according to my prophecy, they have been destroyed, save it be those which are carried away captive into Babylon.

1 Nephi 7

11 "And since that they have been led away, these things have been prophesied concerning them,

And also concerning all they which shall hereafter be scattered and **be confounded because of the Holy One of Israel,**
For against Him will they harden their hearts;

12 Wherefore, they shall be scattered among all nations and shall be hated by all men.

1 Nephi 5: The Jews of Moses' Day

112 And notwithstanding they being led - The Lord their God, their Redeemer, going before them, leading them by day, and giving light unto them by night, and doing all things for them which were expedient for man to receive - **They hardened their hearts, and blinded their minds, and reviled against Moses, and against the true and living God.**

113 And it came to pass that according to His word He did destroy them;

114 And according to His word He did lead them;

115 And according to His word He did do all things for them;

116 And there was not anything done save it were by His word.

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Still Copying the Torah Letter by Letter

...not realizing it (Torah) ALL pointed to the Eternal
Sacrifice of God who would be JESUS

Handwritten text in a cursive script, likely a historical document or manuscript. The text is written in a dark ink on a light-colored paper. The script is dense and fills most of the page, with some lines appearing to be organized into columns or sections. The handwriting is characteristic of a historical cursive style, possibly from the 16th or 17th century. The text is written in a language that appears to be a form of Hebrew or a related Semitic language, given the characters and the structure of the words. The document is oriented vertically, with the text running from top to bottom. The paper shows signs of age, with some discoloration and wear at the edges. The overall appearance is that of a well-preserved but clearly historical manuscript.

Historically...

Deuteronomy 29:4 - Yet the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear, to this very day.

Psalms 81:12 - So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices.

Romans 1:24-28 - Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator

Old Israel...

Ezekiel 14:9 (IV) - "And if the prophet is deceived and speaks a word, I, the Lord, have not deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand against him and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel."

Old Israel...

Jeremiah 28:15-17 'And I will give all the prophets
who prophesy in my name
and whom I did not send, and who say,
'Sword and famine shall not come upon this land,'
into the hands of their adversaries
and into the hands of those who seek their life.
They shall fall by the sword;

They shall be food for jackals;
and the hand of the Lord shall be against the prophets
who prophesy in his name and whom he did not send."

Lamanites....

Lamanites: 2 Nephi 4:29 - 2 Nephi 4:39

31 Wherefore, the word of the Lord was fulfilled which He spake unto me, saying that, "Inasmuch as they will not hearken unto thy words, they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord."

32 And behold, they were cut off from His presence.

33 And He had caused the cursing to come upon them, yea, even a sore cursing because of their iniquity,

34 **For behold, they had hardened their hearts against Him, that they had become like unto a flint;**

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The Lamanites?

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Nephites...

Nephites: Helaman 2

119 For behold, there were many of the Nephites which had become hardened and impenitent and grossly wicked,

Insomuch that they did reject the word of God and all the preaching and prophesying which did come among them

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The Nephites? - - **HARDENED HEARTS TO GOD!**

What does it mean to harden your heart?

1. You are blinded by the mists of darkness

1 Nephi 3:125 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.

2. You don't know what the Lord is doing for you.

Mormon 1:66 And I did cry unto this people, but it was in vain;

And they did not realize that it was the Lord that had spared them and granted unto them a chance for repentance;

67 And behold, they did harden their hearts against the Lord their God.

3. You then Can Not Understand

Mosiah 11:107 And now because of their unbelief, they could not understand the word of God.

And **their hearts were hardened;**

4. God's spirit has no place in you.

2 Nephi 15:2 But behold, **there are many that harden their hearts against the Holy Spirit, that it hath no place in them;**
Wherefore, they cast many things away which are written and esteem them as things of naught.

Samuel The Lamanite Preaches...to the NEPHITES

Samuel Preaching to Nephites is as if an ISIS soldier were converted to Jesus, then comes back to Independence to tell the Restorationists about Christ...

Helaman 5:40

O ye wicked and ye perverse generation.
Ye hardened and ye stiff-necked people!

How long will ye suppose that the Lord will suffer you?
Yea, how long will ye suffer yourselves to be led by
foolish and blind guides?
Yea, how long will ye choose darkness rather than light?

A Note on Parallelisms.....

Have seen **A/B Parallelism**, where the second line expands the first.
Goes along with **Synonymous Parallelism**, where information is increasingly added.

A Few More types:

Strophic Parallelism: Repeated statements

Antithetical Parallelism: Opposite or conflicting statements

Anadiplosis Parallelism: End of line matches beginning of next line

Helaman 5:40—NOTE THE PARALLELISMS

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(Synonymous)

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(Strophic

Parallelism—
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(Anadiplosis Parallelism)

Yea, how long will ye suffer yourselves to be led by
foolish and blind guides? (Synonymous Parallelism)

Yea, how long will ye choose darkness rather than light?
(Opposite = Antithetical Parallelism)

What Happens if Hardness of Heart is Unchecked? Alma 16:

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;

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.

We saw their rise and fall.....why????

Helaman 2:162 And thus we see that the Spirit of the Lord began to **withdraw** from the Nephites because of the wickedness and the hardness of their hearts.

What was going on with the Nephites???

Helaman 2:59 And they saw they had become weak like unto their brethren the Lamanites,

And that the Spirit of the Lord did no more preserve them.

Yea, it had **withdrawn** from them because the Spirit of the Lord doth not dwell in unholy temples;

The Process

Helaman 5

10 Therefore, thus saith the Lord: 'Because of the hardness of the hearts of the people of the Nephites, except they repent I will take away My word from them, And I will withdraw My Spirit from them, And I will suffer them no longer, And I will turn the hearts of their brethren against them.

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1) I will take away My word from them,

2) And I will withdraw My Spirit from them,

3) And I will suffer them no longer,

4) And I will turn the hearts of their brethren against them. == **NO MORE MERCY**

Who else WAS there?

Who else WAS there?

Gentiles

1 Nephi 3—THE GENTILES PROMISE AND WARNING

201 And it shall come to pass that if the Gentiles shall hearken unto the Lamb of God in that day that He shall manifest Himself unto them in word and also in power, in very deed, **Unto the taking away of their stumbling blocks, if it so be that they harden not their hearts against the Lamb. (Anidiplosis)**

And if it so be that they harden not their hearts against the Lamb of God, they shall be numbered among the seed of thy father,

213 Therefore, wo be unto the Gentiles if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God,

1 Nephi 3—THE GENTILES PROMISE AND WARNING

First question—what was the STUMBLING BLOCK??

NEXT QUESTION—HOW DID GOD REMOVE THAT STUMBLING
BLOCK FROM THE GENTILES???

ANSWER:

**BY GIVING US
THE BOOK OF MORMON AS 100%
RELIABLE DOCTRINE!!!**

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WHAT??

I thought the Gentiles were the solution and save the day.....

The WARNINGS to the GENTILES... 1 Nephi 3

210 And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, Nephi, saying:
Thou hast beheld that if the Gentiles repent, it shall be well with
them;

212 And thou also hast heard that whoso repenteth not must perish;

**213 Therefore, wo be unto the Gentiles if it so be that they harden
their hearts against the Lamb of God,**

214 'For the time cometh, ' saith the Lamb of God, ' that I will work a
great and a marvelous work among the children of men -

The WARNINGS to the GENTILES... 1 Nephi 3

215 A work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other,

216 Either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal,
Or unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds,

Unto their being brought down into captivity.

And also unto destruction, both temporally and spiritually,
according to the captivity of the devil of which I have spoken.

THE WARNING is to.....US???

Similar to Israel.

We have seen the examples.

Convinced of truth or delivered to the Devil.

Being brought down to Captivity.

Temporal and Spiritual Destruction.

For rejecting who?

The WARNINGS to the GENTILES...

3 Nephi 9:66 "Nevertheless, **when they shall have received the fullness of My gospel, then if they shall harden their hearts against Me, I will return their iniquities upon their own heads,** saith the Father;

3 Nephi 10:1 **But if they will repent, and hearken unto My words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish My church among them;**
And they shall **come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this, the remnant of Jacob**, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance, And they shall assist My people, the remnant of Jacob

Ether writes at End of Jaredite civilization..

[Ether 3:96](#)

Wherefore, O ye Gentiles,
it is wisdom in God that these things should
be shown unto you,
that thereby ye may repent of your sins....

Our Call to Repentance.....

The Jews, Nephites, Lamanites and Gentiles ALL had our chance with the Word of Christ

AND...EVERY GROUP EVENTUALLY DID THE SAME THING.....

WE hardened our hearts against Christ, the Eternal Father.

Judgement happens at the PEAK of RIPENESS.....we apparently haven't peaked yet.

The answers are found in the Book of Mormon. Our Future is in Christ.

When are we fully RIPE?

Helaman 5:18 'But behold, the time cometh, ' saith the Lord, 'that when ye shall cast out the righteous from among you, Then shall ye be ripe for destruction;

Ether 1:32 And the fullness of His wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity; For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; Wherefore, he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off, For it is the everlasting decrees of God -

When are we fully RIPE?

[Ether 1:41](#)

.....for ye shall remember that My Spirit will not always strive with man;

Wherefore, if ye will sin until ye are fully ripe, ye shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord;

[Ether 4:22](#) And thus the Lord did pour out His blessings upon this land, which was choice above all other lands; And He commanded that whoso should possess the land should possess it unto the Lord **or they should be destroyed when they were ripened in iniquity;** "For upon such, " saith the Lord, "I will pour out the fullness of My wrath."

The Solution...

1 Nephi 7:64 But behold, **all nations, kindreds, tongues and people shall dwell safely in the Holy One of Israel, if it so be that they will repent.**

Alma 9:55 Therefore, **whosoever repenteth and hardeneth not his heart, he shall have claim on mercy through Mine Only Begotten Son unto a remission of their sins,**

And these shall enter into My rest;

Scripture List

<u>Jews</u>	<u>Gentiles/Israel</u>	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Lamanites</u>	<u>Nephites</u>
Jacob 3:26-27	1 Nephi 7:40	1 Nephi 5:112	2 Nephi 4:29-35	Mosiah 7:43-46
2 Nephi 11:18, 51	1 Nephi 3:201-206	1 Nephi 5:133-136	Helaman 5: 108	Helaman 2:119
1 Nephi 7:11-12	1 Nephi 3:213	1 Nephi 5:136	Alma 13:3	Alma 1:34
	1 Nephi 3:220-224	1 Nephi 7:11		Alma 6:12
	3 Nephi 9:92	Jacob 4:2-7		Alma 7:46
	3 Nephi 10:1		<u>Jaredites</u>	Helaman 5:124
	3 Nephi 9:66		Ether 4:104	Helaman 5:127
	Jacob 4:1-15			Helaman 5:137
				3 Nephi 1:25
				4 Nephi 1:34
				4 Nephi 1:36
				Mormon 1:67
				Mormon 2:13