

**Book of Mormon  
Doctrine:**  
**Good Works**



# Zoramites and Works

89 And they did worship after a manner which Alma and his brethren had never beheld, For they had a place built up in the center of their synagogue ~ a place of standing which was high above the head, And the top thereof would only admit one person;

90 Therefore, whosoever desired to worship must go forth and stand upon the top thereof, And stretch forth his hands toward the heavens and cry with a loud voice....

Alma 16:89-90 (RLDS) Alma 31:12-15 (LDS)



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99 Now when the people had all offered up thanks after this manner, they returned to their homes, Never speaking of their God again until they had assembled themselves together again to the holy stand to offer up thanks after their manner.

100 Now when Alma saw this, his heart was grieved, For he saw that they were a wicked and a perverse people, Yea, he saw that their hearts were set upon gold and upon silver and upon all manner of fine goods,

101 Yea, and he also saw that their hearts were lifted up unto great boasting, in their pride.

Alma 16:99-101 (RLDS) Alma 31:23-25 (LDS)



# The Zoramite Prayer

"Holy God, we believe that Thou hast separated us from our brethren; And we do not believe in the traditions of our brethren which was handed down to them by the childishness of their fathers, But we believe that Thou hast elected us to be Thy holy children;

And also, Thou hast made it known unto us that there shall be no Christ, But Thou art the same yesterday, today and forever; And Thou hast elected us that we shall be saved, whilst all around us are elected to be cast by Thy wrath down to hell, For the which holiness, O God, we thank Thee.

"And we also thank Thee that Thou hast elected us that we may not be led away after the foolish traditions of our brethren which doth bind them down to a belief of Christ, which doth lead their hearts to wander far from Thee our God;

94 And again, we thank Thee, O God, that we are a chosen and a holy people. Amen."



# Sarai and Dead Works

1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her.

And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. Genesis 16:1-3



# Gospel Facts from the BOM

1. Man in his natural state is an enemy of God. Mosiah 1:19 (RLDS) Mosiah 3:19 (LDS)
2. Man cannot live with God and remain in sin. 1 Nephi 4:56 (RLDS) 1 Nephi 15:33 (LDS)
3. Man cannot redeem himself. Alma 16:208 (RLDS) Alma 34:9 (LDS)
4. In order to counteract justice, an eternal atonement had to be made. Alma 19:97 (RLDS) Alma 42:15 (LDS)
5. God himself came to atone for man. Mosiah 8:5 (RLDS) Mosiah 13:28 (LDS)
6. We are saved by his grace. 2 Nephi 11:44 (RLDS) 2 Nephi 25:23 (LDS)
7. All men will be resurrected and stand before God in the flesh to be judged. Mosiah 8:54-56
8. The First Resurrection (reuniting spirit and body to be judged) began with Christ. Alma 19:50-52 (RLDS) Alma 40:16-18 (LDS)

# All are Guilty and Worthy of Death

121 'And moreover I say unto you, that the time shall come when the knowledge of a Savior shall spread throughout every nation, kindred, tongue and people;

122 And behold, when that time cometh, none shall be found blameless before God, except it be little children, Only through repentance and faith on the name of the Lord God Omnipotent.

123 'And even at this time when thou shalt have taught thy people the things which the Lord thy God hath commanded thee, Even then are they found no more blameless in the sight of God, Only according to the words which I have spoken unto thee.'

124 "And now, I have spoken the words which the Lord God hath commanded me,

125 And thus saith the Lord: **They shall stand as a bright testimony against this people at the judgment day,**

126 Whereof they shall be judged, every man according to his works, whether they be good or whether they be evil.

127 '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.

128 '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.

129 'And their torment is as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flames are unquenchable and whose smoke ascendeth up forever and ever.' Mosiah 1:121-129 (RLDS) Mosiah 3: 20-27 (LDS)



# Judged by Works

51 And it came to pass that I said unto them that it was a representation of things both temporal and spiritual,

52 For the day should come that they must be judged of their works, Yea, even the works which were done by the temporal body in their days of probation.

53 Wherefore, if they should die in their wickedness, they must be cast off also as to the things which are spiritual, which are pertaining unto righteousness;

54 Wherefore, they must be brought to stand before God to be judged of their works;

55 And if their works have been filthiness, they must needs be filthy;

56 And if they be filthy, it must needs be that they cannot dwell in the kingdom of God,

57 If so, the kingdom of God must be filthy also;

58 But behold I say unto you, the kingdom of God is not filthy, And there cannot any unclean thing enter into the kingdom of God

59 Wherefore, there must needs be a place of filthiness prepared for that which is filthy; 1

Nephi 4:51-59 (RLDS) 1 Nephi 15:32-34 (LDS)



# All Must be Judged, and the Outcome is Our Choice

79 "And now, if Christ had not come into the world, speaking of things to come as though they had already come, there could have been no redemption;

80 And if Christ had not risen from the dead, or have broken the bands of death that the grave should have no victory and that death should have no sting, there could have been no resurrection.

81 "But there is a resurrection; Therefore, the grave hath no victory, And the sting of death is swallowed up in Christ.

82 "He is the light and the life of the world; Yea, a light that is endless, that can never be darkened; Yea, and also a life which is endless, that there can be no more death.

83 "Even this mortal shall put on immortality, And this corruption shall put on incorruption and shall be brought to stand before the bar of God, To be judged of Him according to their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil.

84 "If they be good, to the resurrection of endless life and happiness; And if they be evil, to the resurrection of endless damnation,

85 Being delivered up to the devil who hath subjected them, which is damnation,

86 Having gone according to their own carnal wills and desires, Having never called upon the Lord while the arms of mercy were extended toward them;

87 For the arms of mercy were extended toward them and they would not, They being warned of their iniquities and yet they would not depart from them,

88 And they were commanded to repent and yet they would not repent. Mosiah 8:79-88 (RLDS) Mosiah 16:6-12 (LDS)

# We are the Judge- All OUR Choice

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;

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;

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.

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 19:66-70 (RLDS) Alma 41:3-7 (LDS)



# Our Works will Only Result in One of Two Outcomes

42 'Therefore, prepare ye the way of the Lord, For the time is at hand that **every man shall reap a reward of their works** according to that which they have been:

43 If they have been righteous, they shall reap the **salvation of their souls** according to the power and deliverance of Jesus Christ;

44 And if they have been evil, they shall reap the **damnation of their souls** according to the power and captivation of the devil.'

45 "Now behold, this is the voice of the angel crying unto the people.

46 "And now my beloved brethren, for ye are my brethren and ye had ought to be beloved, And ye had ought to **bring forth works which are meet for repentance**, Seeing that your hearts have been grossly hardened against the word of God and seeing that ye are a lost and a fallen people." Alma 7:42-46 (RLDS) Alma 9:28-30 (LDS)



# Good Works are Fruits of the Holy Spirit

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Matthew 7:20

32 Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them. 3 Nephi 6:32 (RLDS) 3 Nephi 14:20 (LDS)



4 And now my brethren, I judge these things of you because of your peaceable walk with the children of men; For I remember the word of God which saith: By their works ye shall know them; For if their works be good, then they are good also." Moroni 7:4 (RLDS) Moroni 7:5 (LDS)

# Good Works are Fruits!

58 Yea, He saith, 'Come unto Me and ye shall partake of the fruit of the tree of life; Yea, ye shall eat and drink of the bread and the waters of life freely;

59 Yea, come unto Me and bring forth works of righteousness and ye shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire.

60 For behold, the time is at hand that whosoever bringeth forth not good fruit, or whosoever doeth not the works of righteousness, The same hath cause to wail and mourn.' Alma 3:58-60 (RLDS) Alma 5:34-36 (LDS)





# His Church will have Good Works

21 "Verily I say unto you that ye are built upon My gospel, Therefore, ye shall call whatsoever things ye do call in My name; Therefore, if ye call upon the Father for the church, if it be in My name, the Father will hear you;

22 And if it so be that the church is built upon My gospel, then will the Father show forth His own works in it.

23 "But if it be not built upon My gospel and is built upon the works of man or upon the works of the devil, Verily I say unto you, they have joy in their works for a season; And by and by the end cometh, And they are hewn down and cast into the fire from whence there is no return;

24 For their works do follow them, For it is because of their works that they are hewn down; Therefore, remember the things that I have told you.

3 Nephi 12:21-24 (RLDS) 3 Nephi 27:9-12 (LDS)





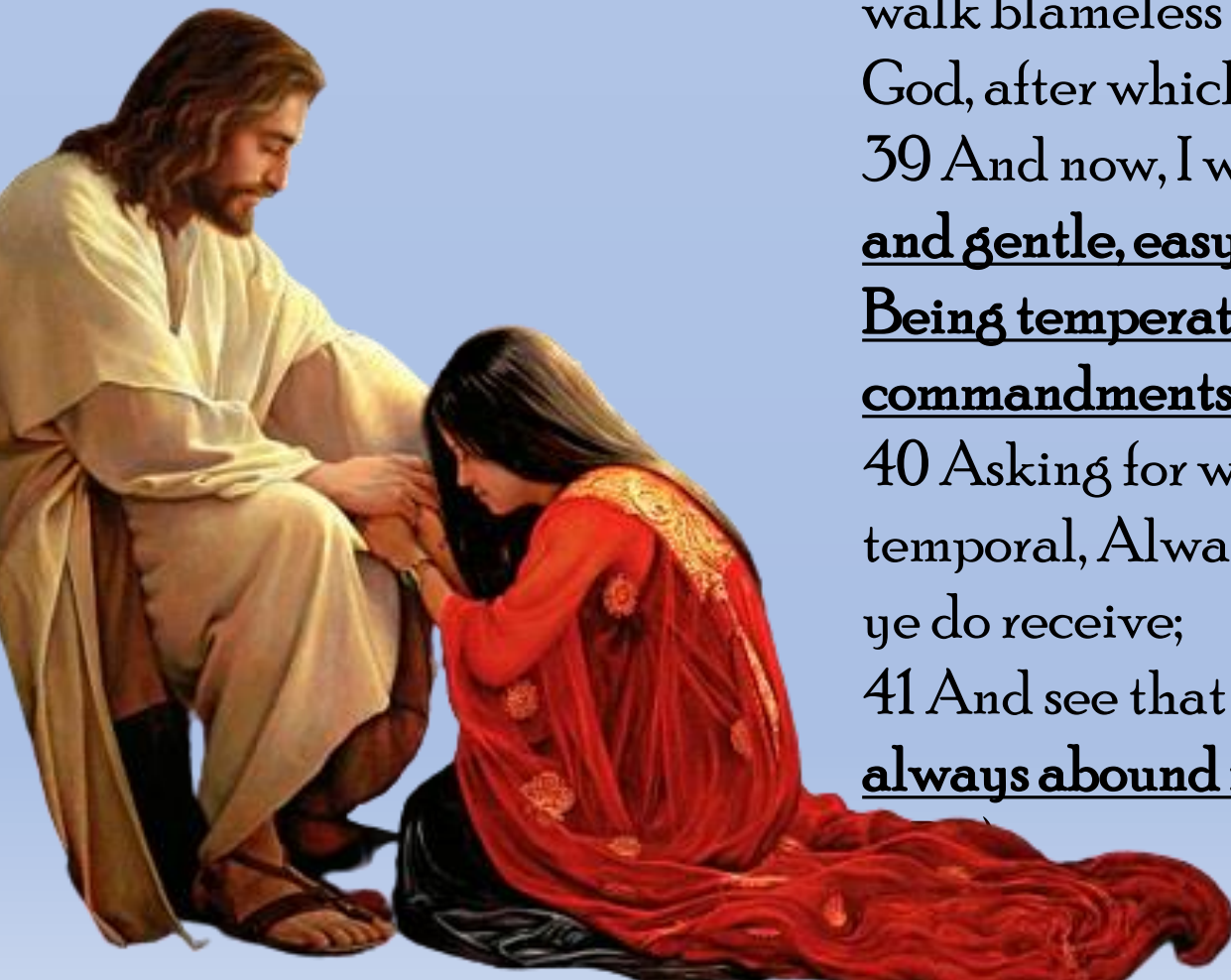
# Works done by Power of Jesus

6 And there were great and marvelous works wrought by the disciples of Jesus, Insomuch that they did heal the sick, and raise the dead, and cause the lame to walk, and the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear;

7 And all manner of miracles did they work among the children of men, And in nothing did they work miracles, save it were in the name of Jesus. 4 Nephi 1:6-7 (RLDS) 4 Nephi 1:5 (LDS)



# Good Works are a Result of the Spirit



38 And now my beloved brethren, I have said these things unto you that I might awaken you to a sense of your duty to God, that ye may walk blameless before Him, That ye may walk after the holy order of God, after which ye have been received.

39 And now, I would that ye should be humble, and be submissive and gentle, easy to be entreated, full of patience and longsuffering, Being temperate in all things, Being diligent in keeping the commandments of God at all times,

40 Asking for whatsoever things ye stand in need, both spiritual and temporal, Always returning thanks unto God for whatsoever things ye do receive;

41 And see that ye have faith, hope and charity, And then ye will always abound in good works. Alma 5:38-41 (RLDS) Alma 7:22-24

# Liahona: A Shadow of Faith that Results in Good Works

71 And now, my son, I have somewhat to say concerning the thing which our fathers call a ball or director, Or our fathers called it "liahona, " which is, being interpreted, a "compass, " And the Lord prepared it;

72 And behold, there cannot any man work after the manner of so curious a workmanship,

73 And behold, it was prepared to show unto our fathers the course which they should travel in the wilderness. And it did work for them according to their faith in God;

74 Therefore, if they had faith to believe that God could cause that those spindles should point the way they should go, Behold, it was done; Therefore, they had this miracle, and also many other miracles wrought by the power of God, day by day;

75 Nevertheless, because those miracles were worked by small means, nevertheless it did show unto them marvelous works.

76 They were slothful and forgot to exercise their faith and diligence, And then those marvelous works ceased and they did not progress in their journey;

77 Therefore, they tarried in the wilderness, or did not travel a direct course, and were afflicted with hunger and thirst because of their transgression.

78 And now my son, I would that ye should understand that these things are not without a shadow; For as our fathers were slothful to give heed to this compass - now these things were temporal - they did not prosper, Even so it is with things which are spiritual;

79 For behold, it is as easy to give heed to the word of Christ, which will point to you a strait course to eternal bliss, As it was for our fathers to give heed to this compass, which would point unto them a strait course to the Promised Land.

80 And now I say, is there not a type in this thing? For just assuredly as this director did bring our fathers, by following its course, to the Promised Land, Shall the word of Christ, if we follow its course, carry us beyond this vale of sorrow into a far better Land of Promise. Alma 17:71-80 (RLDS) Alma 37:38-45 (LDS)





# We MUST Know God and Who He Is!

16 "I say unto you, I would that ye should remember to retain the name written always in your hearts, that ye are not found on the left hand of God, But that ye hear and know the voice by which ye shall be called, and also the name by which He shall call you.

17 "For how knoweth a man the master which he hath not served and which is a stranger unto him and is far from the thoughts and intents of his heart?"

18 "And again, doth a man take an ass which belongeth to his neighbor and keep him?

19 I say unto you, Nay, He will not even suffer that he shall feed among his flocks, but will drive him away and cast him out;

20 I say unto you, that even so shall it be among you if ye know not the name by which ye are called.

21 "Therefore, I would that ye should be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works, That Christ, the Lord God Omnipotent, may seal you His, That you may be brought to heaven, That ye may have everlasting salvation and eternal life through the wisdom and power and justice and mercy of Him who created all things in heaven and in earth, who is God above all. Amen." Mosiah 3:16-21 (RLDS) Mosiah 5:12-15 (LDS)

