

Give Away All My Sins

Restored Gospel Podcast



Missionary Methods Compared

Restoration: Authority-First

vs.

Book of Mormon: Heart-First



Two Different Starting Points

Go Ye And Teach / Restoration approach begins with man's accomplishment

A restored church, priesthood authority, and “the right organization”

Book of Mormon begins with man's failure

The Fall... our sin... the separation from God

The Book of Mormon Pattern – Step One

It Always Begins with the Fall

- Creation is taught... then immediately the Fall
- Sin separates us from God (no exceptions)
- No mention of “which church is right” or authority first

Missionaries like Ammon and Aaron start here every time. The diagnosis is our sin.

The Book of Mormon Pattern – Step Two

The Central Message – Repent and Turn from Sin

- Repentance is not “join the right church”
- It is “give away all my sins”
- The king’s question: “Repent and be saved... or not repent and be cast off?”

After hearing the plan, the Lamanite king doesn’t ask about priesthood or organizations. He locks onto the choice: repent and be saved, or refuse and be cast off at the last day.”

The King's Critical Question

What is this that Ammon said?

This question reveals the heart of the Book of Mormon missionary message.

The king goes straight to the issue of repentance and its eternal consequences.”

The King's Critical Question

What is this that Ammon said?

[Alma 13:37](#) / [LDS: Alma 22:6](#)

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?

The King's Critical Question

What is this that Ammon said?

He wasn't seeking the right church, he was seeking freedom from sin.

King is Ready to give up everything for a changed heart

The King's Desperate Prayer

What the King Prays is the goal for all to come to Christ.



The King's Desperate Prayer

I Will Give Away All My Sins

[Alma 13:53](#) / [LDS: Alma 22:18](#)

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!"



The King's Desperate Prayer

I Will Give Away All My Sins

O God, **if there is a God... I will give away all my sins to know thee”**

Not “Which church should I join?”

This raw prayer is the turning point.

No institutional pitch — just total willingness to be free from sin.

What Each Approach Produces

Restoration/authority-first: Can produce correct understanding and affiliation, but may leave the inner burden of guilt and separation from God

Book of Mormon heart-first: Confront sin → Repentance → Immediate changed heart, joy replacing guilt, “no more desire to do evil”

Lamanite king & household: “overpowered by the Spirit,” filled with joy.

Awake saying “I HAVE SEEN MY SAVIOR!!!”

What Each Approach Produces

The Point is that the Book of Mormon Seeks a Change of Heart.

What is Missing in Restoration Missionary is Complete Turning from Sin.

THIS IS WHAT PRODUCES THE CHANGED HEART.

[Alma 3:29](#) / **LDS:** [Alma 5:14](#)

Have **ye experienced this** mighty change in your hearts?

...38 "I say unto you, can ye think of being saved when you have yielded yourselves to become subjects to the devil?

39 "I say unto you, **ye will know at that day that ye cannot be saved, For there can no man be saved except his garments are washed white;**

40 Yea, **his garments must be purified until they are cleansed from all stain** through the blood of Him of whom it hath been spoken by our fathers which should come

What do you think?

One approach can answer

‘Which church has the authority?’

....but still leave people carrying the weight of sin.

The Book of Mormon pattern goes to the root and offers real deliverance.

That’s the fullness we see modeled — transformed lives, not just correct affiliation.”

How Book of Mormon Missionaries Prepared Hearts

Service and Love Open the Door (Ammon's Example)

- Ammon didn't start with authority or a new church
- He served humbly, protected the flocks, showed love
- This created awareness of sin, perhaps a spiritual need in the king
- Only then did the message about repentance land with power

The Immediate Result in the Book of Mormon

- Joy replaces guilt
- Transformation happens before church organization
- People declare their hearts had been changed and they had “no more desire to do evil”
- Baptism and church community follow naturally.

BUT NOTICE: The church forms from repentant people whose hearts changed.

The church is NOT a collection of people who believe a man in the 1800's had a vision.

The Book of Mormon consistent Result is a Changed Heart

The consistent outcome is a changed heart first.

Everything else flows from that personal encounter with the Redeemer.”

Comparison

Go Ye And Teach Approach

Starts with restored church & authority

Goal: join the correct organization

Emphasis: priesthood & valid baptism

Ends with affiliation

Book of Mormon Approach

Starts with the Fall & personal sin

Goal: turn from sin & receive Redeemer

Emphasis: changed heart & new life

Ends with personal transformation

The Real-Life Example – Aaron & the Lamanite King

How To Apply This:

Teach the Only Way to God is Through Turning Away From Sin.

- Aaron Teaches creation, fall, atonement, repentance
- King immediately asks the key question about repentance
- Spiritual power fills the room
- Whole family experiences the changed heart

What the Book of Mormon Never Emphasizes First

- No opening message about priesthood authority
- No story of a latter-day restoration or new church
- No “find the one true organization” pitch
- Repentance and changed heart always come first

The Old Go Ye and Teach method.....

Starts by creating a Gap....'The True Church Does Not Exist.'

If the original Church and its power were taken from the earth, then something essential is missing today.

People are left without the full gospel that Jesus established.

Then, they present the solution

- In the latter days, God restored that exact same Church and authority through the Prophet Joseph Smith (starting with the First Vision, the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, the restoration of the priesthood by heavenly messengers, and the organization of the Church in 1830).
- Therefore, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the restored, true Church of Jesus Christ on the earth today, with the same organization, authority, and fulness of the gospel.

Go Ye and Teach Method: The Problem/Solution Pitch

Problem (Apostasy/loss)

→ **Need** (restoration required)

→ **Solution** (it has been restored through us)

→ **Invitation** (come and see / join us).

The Book of Mormon Teaches

- **The Goal** was always and only a Changed Heart.
- Missionaries hearts were first changed also.
- **The fundamental corruption** was a sinful Heart.
- **Missionaries showed how our Sin separated us from God.** Only **Willfully turning** from Sin allowed Jesus Mercy to remove that Sin (Grace).
- **Complete transformation** resulted.
- **People had testimony of God AFTER their hearts changed.**