What Does the Book of Mormon DOES NOT Teach About Salvation

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Being 'Perfect in Christ' is to have Grace Applied (18)

Α	Yea, come unto Christ and be perfected in Him	To Be Perfect in Christ
	and <u>deny yourselves of all ungodliness</u> ,	
В	And if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness	Repent from Sin
С	and love God with all your might, mind and strength,	Our Covenant with God
D	Then is <u>His grace</u> sufficient for you,	His Grace Sufficient
	that by His grace ye may be <u>perfect in Christ</u> ;	
Ε	And if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ,	By Grace Perfect
X	ye can in no wise deny the power of God <u>(i.e. to Perfect You)</u>	Center
	And again, if ye by the <u>grace of God</u> are <u>perfect in Christ</u> and	
E`	deny not His power,	By Grace Perfect
D`	Then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God	His Grace Sufficient
	through the shedding of the blood of Christ <u>Which is in the</u>	
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B`	unto the <u>remission of your sins</u> .	Washed from Sin
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Grace Applied-His Response.... All We Can Do—Our Response....

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46 Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present,

And yet ye are not; 47 But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me and I know your doing, And I know that ye do walk in the pride of your hearts;

<u>The Gospel Summarized By Jesus...</u> <u>Nothing More, Nothing Less</u>

3 Nephi 12:25-35 (LDS: 3 Nephi 27:13-22)

Behold, I have given unto you My gospel,

And this is the gospel which I have given unto you -

That I came into the world to do the will of My Father because My Father sent Me.

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26 And My Father sent Me that I might be lifted up upon the cross; And after that I had been lifted up upon the cross, I might draw all men unto Me;

27 That as I have been lifted up by men, even so should men be lifted up by the Father to stand before Me to be judged of their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil;

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>>JESUS LIFTED, DRAWING MANKIND>> MANKIND 'LIFTED', ...FOR JUDGEMENT

3 Nephi 12:25-35 (LDS: 3 Nephi 27:13-22)

29 "And it shall come to pass that whoso repenteth and is baptized in My name shall be filled; And if he endureth to the end, Behold, him will I hold guiltless before My Father at that day when I shall stand to judge the world;

30 And he that endureth not unto the end, The same is he that is also hewn down and cast into the fire from whence they can no more return because of the justice of the Father. "And this is the word which He hath given unto the children of men;

3 Nephi 12:25-35 (LDS: 3 Nephi 27:13-22)

31 And for this cause He fulfilleth the words which He hath given, And He lieth not, but fulfilleth all His words; And no unclean thing can enter into His kingdom;

32 Therefore, nothing entereth into His rest, Save it be those who have washed their garments in My blood because of their faith and the repentance of all their sins and their faithfulness unto the end.

3 Nephi 12:25-35 (LDS: 3 Nephi 27:13-22)

33 "Now this is the commandment: Repent, all ye ends of the earth! and come unto Me! and be baptized in My name! That ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, That ye may stand spotless before Me at the last day!

34 "Verily, verily I say unto you, this is My gospel. "And ye know the things that ye must do in My church, For the works which ye have seen Me do, that shall ye also do;

3 Nephi 12:25-35 (LDS: 3 Nephi 27:13-22)

35 For that which ye have seen Me do, even that shall ye do; Therefore, if ye do these things, blessed are ye, For ye shall be lifted up at the last day.

- THIS IS THE GOSPEL
- JESUS LIFTED UP
- TO DRAW US TO HIM
- TO BE JUDGED WHETHER WORKS GOOD OR EVIL
- IF REPENTANT, SIN REMOVED BY BLOOD TO EVERLASTING LIFE
- IF UNREPENTANT, TO BE CAST OUT.
- THIS IS THE GOSPEL

3 Nephi 5:42 (LDS: 3 Nephi 11:40)

And whoso shall declare **more** or **less** than this

and establish it for My doctrine,

The same cometh of evil and is not built upon My rock;

But he buildeth upon a sandy foundation,

And the gates of hell standeth open to receive such when the floods come and the winds beat upon them;

The Book of Mormon DOES NOT TEACH:

- 1. Increasing Levels of Salvation. The Book of Mormon does NOT contain the words Celestial, Terrestrial, Telestial.
- 2. That God gives words to later rescind those words or gives words to 'work on our souls' without intent.
- 3. That Punishment is not endless, or that punishment is temporary.
- 4. That God rules the highest salvation, but Jesus rules a lesser glory, and the Holy Ghost rules even lesser levels of salvation.
- 5. Salvation is by Grace but Reward is by additional works.
- 6. That God, Jesus and the Holy Ghost are 3 separate conscious beings.
- 7. Church membership equals salvation.
- 8. That Salvation requires Marriage (i.e. a wife or wives by the priesthood member), or marriage in a temple.
- 9. That Israel is Numbered among the Gentiles

<u>The Book of Mormon does NOT Teach</u> a God that Varies....

<u>Mormon 4:68</u> (LDS: <u>Mormon 9:9</u>)

For do we not read that God is the same yesterday, today and forever? And in Him there is **no variableness**,

neither shadow of changing?

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<u>Alma 19:95</u> (LDS: <u>Alma 42:13</u>)

Now the work of justice could not be destroyed.

If so, God would cease to be God.

Alma 19:107 (LDS: Alma 42:25)

What Do ye suppose, that mercy can rob justice?

I say unto you, nay, not one whit;

If so, God would cease to be God!

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<u>Alma 15:55</u>

I had not ought to harrow up in my desires the firm decree of a just God,

For I know that <u>He granteth unto men according to their</u> desires, whether it be unto death or unto life,

Yea, I know that He allotteth unto man,

yea, decreeth unto them decrees which are unalterable according to their wills,

whether it be unto salvation or unto destruction.

But the DC implies God is Variable...saying things but meaning something else...

DC 18:1e

yea, to those who are found on my left hand;

nevertheless, <mark>it is not written that there shall be no end to this to ment; but it is written endless torment.</mark>

2a Again, it is written eternal damnation;

wherefore it is more express than other scriptures,

that it **might work upon the hearts** of the children of men, altogether for my name's glory;

DC76...How does this fit?

7t But, behold, and lo, we saw the glory and the inhabitants of the telestial world, that they were as innumerable as the stars in the firmament of heaven, or as the sand upon the seashore, and heard the voice of the Lord saying:

7u These all shall bow the knee, and every tongue shall confess to him who sits upon the throne for ever and ever;

7v for they shall be judged according to their works; and every man shall receive according to his own works, and his own dominion, in the mansions which are prepared, and they shall be servants of the Most High, but where God and Christ dwell they cannot come, worlds without end.

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If it does imply their punishment is not forever, <mark>it</mark> conflicts with the Book of Mormon...

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The Book of Mormon teaches Salvation is...

- Fully Restored to God... or
- Fully Separated from God. With no middle place of salvation.

The Book of Mormon Teaches Salvation is on an Eternal Parallel

3 Nephi 11:33 (LDS: <u>3 Nephi 26:5</u>)

If they be good, to the <u>resurrection of everlasting life</u>,

And if they be evil, to the <u>resurrection of damnation</u>, Being on a parallel.

The one on the one hand,

and the other on the other hand.

According to the mercy and the justice and the holiness which is in Christ which was before the world began.

So what DOES the Book of Mormon Teach??

Mosiah 1:127

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 <u>endless torment</u>

from whence they can no more return;

Therefore, they have drunk damnation to their own souls.

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3 Nephi 12:30 (LDS: <u>3 Nephi 27:18</u>)

And he that endureth not unto the end,

The same is he that is also hewn down and cast into the fire

from whence they can no more return

because of the justice of the Father.

And this is the word which He hath given unto the children of men;

The Book of Mormon teaches Salvation is FINAL

2 Nephi 6:43 (LDS: <u>2 Nephi 9</u>:19)

O the greatness of the mercy of our God, the Holy One of Israel! For He monster the devil and death and hell, And that lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.

2 Nephi 6:54 (LDS: 2 Nephi 9:26)

For they are delivered by the power the demands of His justice upon all those who hath not the law given to flames are unquenchable and 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;

the devil and all that have been the throne of God and be judged according to their works, From delivereth His saints from that awful whence they must go into the place whence they can no more return; prepared for them, even a lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.

Jacob 4:15 (LDS: Jacob 6:10)

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Mosiah 12:6 (LDS: Mosiah 28:3)

Yea, even the very thoughts that any soul should

And according to the power of justice - for justice cannot be denied endure endless torment did cause of Him; For the atonement satisfieth - that ye must go away into that lake them to quake and tremble.

of fire and brimstone, Whose whose smoke ascendeth up forever and ever, which lake of fire and brimstone is **endless torment?**

Moroni 8:22 (LDS: Moroni 8:21)

Wo unto such! for they are in danger of death, hell and an endless torment;

<u>2 Nephi 12:29</u> (LDS: <u>2 Nephi 28:23</u>) <u>Mosiah 1:127</u> (LDS: <u>Mosiah 3:25</u>)

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<u>The Book of Mormon does NOT Teach</u> <u>Polygamy.</u>

Jacob 2:36 Wherefore my brethren, hear me and hearken to the word of the Lord:

For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife, And concubines he shall have none;

For I, the Lord God, <u>delighteth in the chastity of women</u>,

What about where God says he can command his people?

Jacob 2:39 (LDS: Jacob 2:30)

For if I will, saith the Lord of Hosts, raise up seed unto Me, I will **command My people** -

Otherwise, they shall hearken unto these things.

This was said in Old Testament Times. A Law already Existed, Practiced in Israel...

A Levirate marriage (Greek, or Yibbum in the Hebrew)

Provided for a brother marrying the wife of a deceased man.

God had already commanded/allowed this.

The Book of Mormon never mentions if they practiced this....

But all old laws were done away when Jesus said 'I make all things new.'

Anyone who was persuaded by God not meaning what he said...

- ...Opened himself to embracing <u>Polygamy...God didn't mean what he said?</u>
- ...Pondered perhaps necessity <u>of baptism for the Dead...God didn't mean</u> <u>what he said?</u>
- ...Delighted in considering <u>Multiple Levels of salvation</u>....God didn't mean what he said?
- …Lean towards <u>Multiple Gods...Book of Mormon teaches ONE God. God</u> <u>didn't mean what he said?</u>

These were all ideas of man that crept into Church thinking, and persist today...(among others)

Here is a larger point (Polygamy):

- This is the Land covenanted to Joseph.
- (We) Gentiles are **<u>guests</u>** here.
- God said the <u>Gentiles would be numbered among this the</u> <u>remnant.</u>
- Jesus said whoever has His word (The Book of Mormon) here WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO THE WORDS GIVEN (to the Nephites.)
- God said 'NO POLYGAMY.'
- How would it be possible to be numbered among them, and break their laws?

<u>Supporting Scripture-Gentiles Numbered</u> Among Israel (not the other way around)

<u>1 Nephi 3:201</u> (LDS: <u>1 Nephi 14:1</u>)

And it shall come to pass that <u>if the Gentiles</u> 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**,

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,

(i.e. JOSEPH OF MANASSEH)

We—Gentiles and Joseph's seed... will be Judged by the Book of Mormon's Commandments.

<u>2 Nephi 11:42</u> (LDS: <u>2 Nephi 25:22</u>)

And the nations which shall possess them shall be judged of them, according to the words which are written;

Words of Mormon 1:17 (LDS: Words of Mormon 1:11)

And I know that they will be preserved, (i.e. Book of Mormon)

For there are great things written upon them out of which my people and their brethren shall be judged at the great and last day, according to the word of God which is written.

Gentiles...(early Church in Missouri/Illinois) acted like...

- ...Israel was to be numbered among them (BACKWARDS)
-we could write our own laws. (NO)
- ...NOT TRUE.