

A landscape photograph showing silhouetted mountains and hills against a bright orange and red sunset sky. The foreground is dark, with some cacti visible. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

What Does the Book of Mormon Teach About Salvation

A Restored Gospel Podcast Presentation

The Book of Mormon Teaches about Salvation:

1. Sin Eternally Separates us from the Father.
2. We were 'under the grasp of JUSTICE.' Salvation requires MERCY to be applied.
3. Salvation is about removal of sin.
4. Sin can only be removed by the Blood of Jesus. Jesus' blood washing away sin is having MERCY applied.
5. Jesus is the Father.
6. The Father of all Creation became man to die for mankind.
7. The Price of our Sin was Infinite.

The Book of Mormon Teaches about Salvation:

8. Only the ONE INFINITE being GOD THE FATHER could pay the price of our sin.
9. Our Sin is present because of Self Will, which came with the knowledge of Good and Evil.
10. Self Will is also what it means to be made in God's Image.
11. Jesus demonstrated total submission to the Father, and he was the Father.
12. The Essence of our life is to submit our will to God's will.
13. God's words are absolute and unchanging. If God changed his word, he would no longer be God. God's Decree is affected by our WILL.

The Book of Mormon Teaches about Salvation:

14. Salvation is either Fully Restored to God, or Fully Separated From God.
15. We will Be Restored to either Happiness or Damnation.
16. Judgement determines if our WILL (Heart) CHANGED.
17. When we change from being ungodly, our Will (Heart) is changing.
18. If our WILL CHANGES, GRACE is APPLIED and SIN is REMOVED. THIS IS PERFECTION.
19. Grace means the stain of sin is washed clean by the Blood of Jesus.
20. Only the Penitent are Saved. Penance means DESIRES for humility and Repentance (change of heart) means ACTION toward it.

The Book of Mormon Teaches about Salvation:

To be 'Perfect in Christ' means to have Jesus Blood Applied and our sin removed. Perfection is to RECEIVE SALVATION.

The Book of Mormon Teaches about the Church:

1. In correct Nephite worship, the church didn't save you. Your repentance saved you.
2. You didn't come 'into the church' unless you demonstrated repentance first.
3. Nephites couldn't stay in the church with known sin.
4. Nephite members names were 'blotted out' if a member was sinful and unrepentant.
5. Fellowship resumed after repentance.
6. That was the role of the church.

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.

Why Have We Transfigured God's Word?

[Mormon 4:43](#) (LDS: [Mormon 8:33](#))

Why have ye **transfigured the holy word of God**, that ye might bring damnation upon your souls?

Eternal Separation and The Grasp of Justice (1&2)

[Alma 19:96](#) (LDS: [Alma 42:14](#))

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.

Salvation is about removal of sin (3 & 4)

[Alma 3:39](#) (LDS: [Alma 5:21](#))

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;**

[3 Nephi 12:32](#) (LDS: [3 Nephi 27:19](#))

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.

JESUS is GOD (6)

[1 Nephi 5:240](#) (LDS: [1 Nephi 19:10](#))

Yea, the **God of Abraham and of Isaac and the God of Jacob** yieldeth Himself, according to the words of the angel, **as a man into the hands of wicked men,**

JESUS is GOD (5&6)

[Mosiah 1:97](#) (LDS: [Mosiah 3:5](#))

'For behold, the time cometh and is not far distant, that with **power**
the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth,

which was and is from all eternity to all eternity,

Shall come down from heaven **among the children of men,**

And **shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay,**

JESUS is GOD (5&6)

[Ether 1:35](#) (LDS: [Ether 2:12](#))

Behold, this is a choice land;

And whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage and from captivity and from all other nations under heaven,

If they will but serve the God of the land which is Jesus Christ, which hath been manifested by the things which we have written.

JESUS is GOD (5&6)

[Mormon 1:88](#) (LDS: [Mormon 3:21](#))

And also that the Jews,
the covenant people of the Lord,
shall have other witness besides that which they saw and heard,
that Jesus whom they slew was the very Christ and the very God;

JESUS is GOD (5&6)

[2 Nephi 7:5](#) (LDS: [2 Nephi 10:3](#))

Wherefore, as I said unto you, it must needs be **expedient that Christ** –
for in the last night the angel spake unto me that this should be His
name - that He should come among the Jews, among they which are
the more wicked part of the world,

6 And they shall crucify Him, for thus it behooveth our God;

7 **And there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their
God,**

8 For should the mighty miracles be wrought among other nations,
they would repent and know that He be their God;

JESUS, GOD, THE HOLY GHOST ARE ONE

[2 Nephi 13:32](#) (LDS: [2 Nephi 31:21](#))

And now behold, this is the doctrine of Christ.

And the only and true doctrine of

the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost,

which is one God without end.

Amen.

The INFINITE COST of SIN (7)

[Alma 16:213](#) (LDS: [Alma 34:13](#))

...Therefore, there is nothing which is short of an **infinite** atonement which will suffice for the sins of the world,

Therefore, it is expedient that there should be a great and last sacrifice.

The INFINITE PAYMENT FOR SIN (8)

[Alma 16:215](#) (LDS: [Alma 34:15](#))

And behold, this is the whole meaning of the law, every whit a pointing to that great and last sacrifice,

And that great and last sacrifice will be the Son of God, yea, infinite and eternal.

And thus He shall bring salvation to all those who shall believe on His name,

The INFINITE PAYMENT FOR SIN (8)

[2 Nephi 6:15](#) (LDS: [2 Nephi 9:7](#))

Wherefore, it must needs be an **infinite atonement** -

save it should be an **infinite atonement**, this corruption could not put on incorruption;

Sin came by knowing good from evil (9 & 10)

[2 Nephi 1:104](#) (LDS: [2 Nephi 2:18](#))

Wherefore, he saith unto Eve –

yea, even that old serpent which is the **devil**, which is the father of all lies - wherefore, he saith,

Partake of the forbidden fruit and ye shall not die,

but ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil.'

Willful Rebellion is the foundation of sin (9 & 10)

[3 Nephi 3:20](#) (LDS: [3 Nephi 6:18](#))

Now they did not sin ignorantly,
for they **knew the will of God** concerning them,
for it had been taught unto them;
Therefore, they **did willfully rebel against God**.

Jesus was the Opposite of Sin, Totally Submitting to the Father's Will (11)

[Mosiah 8:30-34](#) (LDS: [Mosiah 15:3-7](#))

And having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father, being the Father and the Son - **The Father, because He was conceived by the power of God, and the Son, because of the flesh, thus becoming the Father and Son,**

And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit, or the Son to the Father, being one God, **suffereth temptation and yieldeth not to the temptation, But suffereth Himself to be mocked and scourged and cast out and disowned by His people.**

...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.

The Essence of Life is to Submit to God's Will (12)

[Mosiah 1:120](#) (LDS: [Mosiah 3:19](#))

But if he yieldeth to the enticings of the Holy Spirit and putteth off the natural man - And he becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord, And becometh as a child - submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, **Willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father.**

The Essence of Life is to Submit to God's Will (12)

[This happens through Humility.](#)

[Helaman 2:123](#) (LDS: [Helaman 6:5](#))

Yea, and many did preach with exceeding great power and authority,
Unto the bringing down many of them into the depths of humility,
to be the humble followers of God and of the Lamb.

God's Word is Absolute and Unchanging (13)

[Alma 15:55](#) (LDS: [Alma 29:4](#))

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

For I know that **He granteth unto men according to their 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.

God's Word is Absolute and Unchanging (13)

[Alma 19:95](#) (LDS: [Alma 42:13](#))

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

[Alma 19:104](#) (LDS: [Alma 42:22](#))

But there is a law given, and a punishment affixed, and repentance granted, which **repentance mercy claimeth** **Otherwise, justice claimeth the creature** and executeth the law,

And the law inflicteth the punishment;

If not so, the works of justice would be destroyed
and God would cease to be God.

God's Word is Absolute and Unchanging (13)

[Mormon 4:82](#) (LDS: [Mormon 9:19](#))

And behold I say unto you,

He changeth not;

If so, He would cease to be God;

And He ceaseth not to be God,

ANTITHETICAL PARALLELISM

A diagram consisting of two blue arrows pointing from the text 'ANTITHETICAL PARALLELISM' to the two highlighted clauses: 'If so, He would cease to be God;' and 'And He ceaseth not to be God,'.

And is a God of miracles;

Salvation is Fully Restored or Fully Separated (14 & 15)

[1 Nephi 4:56](#) (LDS: [1 Nephi 15:33](#))

And if they be **filthy**,

it must needs be that **they cannot dwell in the kingdom of God,**

[1 Nephi 4:61](#) (LDS: [1 Nephi 15:35](#))

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;

Salvation is Fully Restored or Fully Separated (14 & 15)

[Helaman 4:73](#) (LDS: [Helaman 12:26](#))

Yea, which shall be consigned to a state of endless misery, fulfilling the words which saith:

They that have done good shall have everlasting life;

And they that have done evil shall have everlasting damnation.”

And thus it is. Amen.

Judgement based on works of change (16)

[Alma 5:24](#) (LDS: [Alma 7:14](#))

Now I say unto you,
that ye must repent and be **born again**,
For the Spirit saith:
If ye are not born again,
ye cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven."

Judgement based on works of change (16)

[Alma 19:66-67](#) (LDS: [Alma 41:4](#))

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;

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;

What is being 'Perfect?' (18)

[Matthew 5:48](#) (KJ) Be ye therefore **perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven is **perfect**.

[Matthew 19:21](#) (KJ) Jesus said unto him, **If thou wilt be perfect**, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

The Book of Mormon Explains Being 'Perfect in Christ' (18)

[3 Nephi 5:92](#) (LDS: [3 Nephi 12:48](#))

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**.

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

[Moroni 10:29](#) (LDS: [Moroni 10:32](#))

Yea, come unto Christ and **be perfected in Him** and deny yourselves of all ungodliness, And if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness and love God with all your might, mind and strength, Then is His grace sufficient for you, that by His grace ye may be **perfect** in Christ; And if by the grace of God ye are **perfect** in Christ, ye can in no wise deny the power of God.

And again, **if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ** and deny not His power, Then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God through the shedding of the blood of Christ,

Which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission of your sins.

That **ye become holy without spot.**

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

A	Yea, come unto Christ and <u>be perfected in Him</u>	To Be Perfect in Christ
B	and <u>deny yourselves of all ungodliness,</u> And if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness	Repent from Sin
C	and love <u>God with all your might, mind and strength,</u>	Our Covenant with God
D	Then is <u>His grace</u> sufficient for you,	His Grace Sufficient
E	that by His grace ye may be <u>perfect in Christ;</u> 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
E`	And again, if ye by the <u>grace of God</u> are <u>perfect in Christ</u> and deny not His power,	By Grace Perfect
D`	Then are ye sanctified in Christ by the <u>grace of God</u>	His Grace Sufficient
C`	through the shedding of the blood of Christ <u>Which is in the covenant of the Father</u>	God's Covenant with us
B`	unto the <u>remission of your sins.</u>	Washed from Sin
A`	That ye <u>become holy without spot.</u>	Will be Perfect in Christ

Salvation is having the Stain of Sin Washed Clean (19)

[3 Nephi 12:32](#) (LDS: [3 Nephi 27:19](#))

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.

Salvation is having the Stain of Sin Washed Clean (19)

[Alma 3:40](#) (LDS: [Alma 5:21](#))

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 to redeem His people from their sins.

Only the Penitent are Saved (20)

Penitence is the desire to Change. Repentance is the action to do it.

[Alma 19:106](#) (LDS: [Alma 42:24](#))

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.