

Unto The Lamanites

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Lesson

- The book of Moroni, which is the last book of the Book of Mormon, summarizes *the very points* of Jesus Christ's doctrine, which Nephi prophesied the Lamanites would receive in a "future day" through the Gentile church (I Nephi 4:19).
- Each chapter in the book of Moroni contains a summary of particular *points* of Jesus Christ's doctrine, each of which is important for building up His church among the Lamanites (cf. D&C 29:2c with D&C 2:6 & 3:15a,b).
- The book of Moroni was written specifically to the Lamanites through the pure love of Christ, charity, according to the will of God (Moroni 1:1-4 & Ether 5:30-36 with Mormon 1:49-53).
- Without charity, i.e. without Christ and His love, we cannot assist in this work of restoring the Lamanites to the knowledge of their Redeemer and the very points of His doctrine (Mormon 7:49-52 & D&C 4:1e & 11:4b with I Nephi 4:19).

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“I write a few more things...”

4 *Wherefore, I write a few more things, contrary to that which I had supposed – for I had supposed not to have written any more – but I write a few more things that perhaps they may be of worth unto my brethren the Lamanites in some future day, according to the will of the Lord.*

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“the very points of his doctrine...”

I Nephi 4

- 17 *And at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they are of the house of Israel, and that they are the covenant people of the Lord;*
- 18 *And then shall they know and come to the knowledge of their forefathers, and also to the knowledge of the gospel of their Redeemer, which was ministered unto their fathers by him;*
- 19 *Wherefore, they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer, and the very points of his doctrine, that they may know how to come unto him and be saved.*

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“power to build up my church among the Lamanites...”

D&C 29

- 2a *Behold, I say unto you, Peter, that you shall take your journey with your brother, Oliver, for the time has come, that it is expedient in me, that you shall open your mouth to declare my gospel;*
- 2b *therefore, fear not but give heed unto the words and advice of your brother, which he shall give you.*
- 2c *And be you afflicted in all his afflictions, ever lifting up your heart unto me in prayer, and faith, for his and your deliverance; for I have given unto him power to build up my church among the Lamanites;*
- 2d *and none have I appointed to be his counselor, over him, in the church, concerning church matters, except it is his brother Joseph Smith, Jr.*

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- The promise that these records should come forth unto the Lamanites was obtained by faith, specifically the faith that was exercised by Moroni's forefathers.
- According to their faith, the records would come forth unto the Lamanites through the Gentiles.
 - History shows us whom the Lord considers Gentiles by those through whom He brought the records forth.
 - The future will show us whom the Lord considers Lamanites by those who hearken unto, even embrace, the words of this book.
- It was for *this very purpose* that these records were brought forth--the restoration of the Lamanites.

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Ether 5

22 *And it is by faith that my fathers have obtained the promise that these things should come unto their brethren through the Gentiles; therefore the Lord hath commanded me, yea, even Jesus Christ.*

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D&C 2

- 6a *Nevertheless, my work shall go forth, for, inasmuch as the knowledge of a Savior has come unto the world, through the testimony of the Jews, even so shall the knowledge of a Savior come unto my people, and to the Nephites, and the Jacobites, and the Josephites, and the Zoramites, through the testimony of their fathers;*
- 6b *and this testimony shall come to the knowledge of the Lamanites, and the Lemuelites, and the Ishmaelites, who dwindled in unbelief because of the iniquity of their fathers, whom the Lord has suffered to destroy their brethren the Nephites, because of their iniquities and their abominations;*

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D&C 2

- 6c *and for this very purpose are these plates preserved which contain these records, that the promises of the Lord might be fulfilled, which he made to his people;*
- 6d *and that the Lamanites might come to the knowledge of their fathers, and that they might know the promises of the Lord,*
- 6e *and that they may believe the gospel and rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ, and be glorified through faith in his name, and that through their repentance they might be saved. Amen.*

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II Nephi 2

- 44 *And now, behold, my son Joseph, after this manner did my father of old prophesy.*
- 45 *Wherefore, because of this covenant thou art blessed: for **thy** seed shall not be destroyed, for they shall hearken unto the words of the book.*
- 46 *And there shall raise up one mighty among them, who shall do much good, both in word and in deed, being an instrument in the hands of God, with exceeding faith.*
- 47 *To work mighty wonders, and do that thing which is great in the sight of God, unto the bringing to pass much restoration unto the house of Israel, and unto the seed of thy brethren.*
- 48 *And now, blessed art thou, Joseph.*
- 49 *Behold, thou art little; wherefore, hearken unto the words of thy brother Nephi, and it shall be done unto thee, even according to the words which I have spoken.*
- 50 *Remember the words of thy dying father. Amen.*

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- The Lord promised to prove the Gentiles, that is, those who first receive these things.
- If the Gentiles do not have charity, the Lord said He will take away their (our) talent.
- Unless we have charity, we are not qualified to assist in the work.
- If we repent, we will be numbered among the house of Israel.

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Ether 5

- 34 *And now I know that this love which thou hast had for the children of men, is charity; wherefore, except men shall have charity, they can not inherit that place which thou hast prepared in the mansions of thy Father.*
- 35 *Wherefore, I know by this thing which thou hast said, that if the Gentiles have not charity, because of our weakness, that thou wilt prove them, and take away their talent, yea, even that which they have received, and give unto them who shall have more abundantly.*

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D&C 95

- 3a *And I give unto you a commandment, that ye shall forsake all evil and cleave unto all good, that ye shall live by every word which proceedeth forth out of the mouth of God, for he will give unto the faithful, line upon line, precept upon precept;*
- 3b *and I will try you, and prove you herewith; and whoso layeth down his life in my cause, for my name's sake, shall find it again; even life eternal;*
- 3c *therefore, be not afraid of your enemies; for I have decreed in my heart, saith the Lord, that I will prove you in all things, whether you will abide in my covenant, even unto death, that you may be found worthy;*
- 3d *for if ye will not abide in my covenant, ye are not worthy of me...*

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III Nephi 7

- 34 *And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you, At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms and of secret abominations;*
- 35 *And if they shall do all these things, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fullness of my gospel from among them;*
- 36 *And then will I remember my covenant which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel, and I will bring my gospel unto them;*
- 37 *And I will shew unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you, but I will remember my covenant unto you, O house of Israel, and ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fullness of my gospel.*

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D&C 83

- 8a *And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received, which vanity and unbelief hath brought the whole church under condemnation.*
- 8b *And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all; and they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written,*
- 8c *that they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom, otherwise there remaineth a scourge and a judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion; for, shall the children of the kingdom pollute my holy land? Verily, I say unto you, Nay.*

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D&C 4

1e *and faith, hope, charity, and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualifies him for the work.*

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D&C 11

- 4a *Behold, I speak unto you, and also to all those who have desires to bring forth and establish this work;*
- 4b *and no one can assist in this work, except he shall be humble and full of love, having faith, hope, and charity, being temperate in all things whatsoever shall be intrusted to his care.*

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- 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;*
- 39 *And I will not suffer my people, who are of the house of Israel, to go through among them, and tread them down, saith the Father.*

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Lesson Point

- The Lord likened the house of Israel to an olive tree, which He would preserve by grafting in the Gentiles along with the natural branches of the tree.
- The Lord promised to lift up His hand to the Gentiles to perform a marvelous work, and in doing so, He would raise His standard to His people.
- The Gentiles would then become nursing fathers and mothers unto the remnant of His people, and carry them unto their promised lands of inheritance.
- The Gentile church is to nourish them with the Word, and bring them to the knowledge of the covenants of the Lord and a saving knowledge of their Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

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Jacob 3

- 30 *Behold, my brethren, do ye not remember to have read the words of the prophet Zenos, which spake unto the house of Israel, saying: Hearken, O ye house of Israel, and hear the words of me, a prophet of the Lord:*
- 31 *For behold, thus saith the Lord, I will liken thee, O house of Israel, like unto a tame olive tree, which a man took and nourished in his vineyard: and it grew, and waxed old, and began to decay.*
- 32 *And it came to pass that the master of the vineyard went forth, and he saw that his olive tree began to decay; and he said, I will prune it, and dig about it, and nourish it, that perhaps it may shoot forth young and tender branches, and it perish not.*

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I Nephi 5

- 15 *And there are many things which have been spoken by Isaiah, which may be likened unto you, because ye are of the house of Israel.*
- 16 *And now, these are the words:*
- 17 *Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people;*
- 18 *And they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.*
- 19 *And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers:*
- 20 *They shall bow down to thee with their faces towards the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet;*
- 21 *And thou shalt know that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.*

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I Nephi 6

52 *Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.*

53 *And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face towards the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.*

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I Nephi 7

- 12 *Wherefore, they shall be scattered among all nations, and shall be hated of all men.*
- 13 *Nevertheless, after they have been nursed by the Gentiles, and the Lord has lifted up his hand upon the Gentiles and set them up for a standard, and their children have been carried in their arms, and their daughters have been carried upon their shoulders, behold, these things of which are spoken, are temporal: for thus are the covenants of the Lord with our fathers;*
- 14 *And it meaneth us in the days to come, and also all our brethren who are of the house of Israel.*
- 15 *And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles, yea, even upon the face of this land;*

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I Nephi 7

- 16 *And by them shall our seed be scattered.*
- 17 *And after our seed is scattered, the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, which shall be of great worth unto our seed;*
- 18 *Wherefore, it is likened unto their being nourished by the Gentiles, and being carried in their arms, and upon their shoulders.*
- 19 *And it shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles:*
- 20 *And not only unto the Gentiles, but unto all the house of Israel, unto the making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham, saying, In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.*

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II Nephi 7

- 10 *Wherefore, because of their iniquities, destructions, famines, pestilence and bloodsheds, shall come upon them;*
- 11 *And they who shall not be destroyed, shall be scattered among all nations.*
- 12 *But behold, thus saith the Lord God: When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that I am Christ, then have I covenanted with their fathers, that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance.*
- 13 *And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth;*
- 14 *And the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance.*
- 15 *Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers;*
- 16 *Wherefore the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute?*

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Lesson Point

- How shall the word be preached to the Lamanites?
 - Through mercy, even through the mercy extended unto us, the Gentile church.
 - Like Ammon and Aaron, we are to begin with Genesis, with the creation and show how the Lord has been merciful unto the children through all generations.

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Romans 11

- 25 *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.*
- 26 *And then all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob;*
- 27 *For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*
- 28 *As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes; but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*
- 29 *For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.*

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Romans 11

- 30 *For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief;*
- 31 *Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.*
- 32 *For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.*

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Romans 11, 12

11:33 *O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

11:34 *For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor?*

11:35 *Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?*

11:36 *For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things; to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

12:1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

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Alma 12

- 111 *And King Lamoni said, I believe all these things which thou hast spoken. Art thou sent from God?*
- 112 *Ammon said unto him, I am a man; and man in the beginning, was created after the image of God, and I am called by his Holy Spirit to teach these things unto this people, that they may be brought to a knowledge of that which is just and true;*
- 113 *And a portion of that Spirit dwelleth in me, which giveth me knowledge, and also power, according to my faith and desires which are in God.*
- 114 *Now when Ammon had said these words, he began at the creation of the world, and also the creation of Adam, and told him all the things concerning the fall of man,*
- 115 *And rehearsed and laid before him the records and the holy scriptures of the people, which had been spoken by the prophets, even down to the time that their father Lehi left Jerusalem;*
- 116 *And he also rehearsed unto them, (for it was unto the king and to his servants,) all the journeyings of their fathers in the wilderness, and all their sufferings with hunger and thirst, and their travel, etc.:*

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Alma 12

- 117 *And he also rehearsed unto them concerning the rebellions of Laman and Lemuel, and the sons of Ishmael, yea, all their rebellions did he relate unto them;*
- 118 *And he expounded unto them all the records and scriptures, from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem, down to the present time;*
- 119 *But this is not all; for he expounded unto them the plan of redemption, which was prepared from the foundation of the world;*
- 120 *And he also made known unto them concerning the coming of Christ; and all the works of the Lord did he make known unto them.*
- 121 *And it came to pass that after he had said all these things, and expounded them to the king, that the king believed all his words.*
- 122 *And he began to cry unto the Lord, saying: O Lord have mercy; according to thy abundant mercy which thou hast had upon the people of Nephi, have upon me and my people.*

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D&C 3

- 16a *Behold, this is my doctrine: Whosoever repenteth and cometh unto me, the same is my church;*
- 16b *whosoever declareth more or less than this, the same is not of me, but is against me; therefore, he is not of my church.*
- 17 *And now, behold, whosoever is of my church, and endureth of my church to the end, him will I establish upon my Rock, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against him.*
- 18 *And now, remember the words of him who is the life and light of the world, your Redeemer, your Lord, and your God. Amen.*

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“the very points of Christ’s doctrine”

Lesson Point

- The last book of the Book of Mormon, the book of Moroni, contains a summary of *the very points* of Christ’s doctrine, which Nephi prophesied the Lamanites would receive in a “future day” through the Gentile church (I Nephi 4:19)

“Wherefore, they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer, and the very points of his doctrine, that they may know how to come unto him and be saved.” (I Nephi 4:19)

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Moroni 1

Moroni’s faithfulness and charity – a model for the Lamanites

- “I, Moroni, will not deny the Christ”
 - Exemplifies the first great commandment
 - Consider Revelation 12:11 & 19:10 with D&C 76:5b, 6c,g, 7b & 4d
- “I write a few more things...of worth unto my brethren the Lamanites.”
 - Exemplifies the second great commandment
 - Do good to your enemies

Featured Verses:

- 3 *And I, Moroni, will not deny the Christ; Wherefore, I wander whithersoever I can for the safety of my own life.*
- 4 *Wherefore, I write a few more things, contrary to that which I had supposed – for I had supposed not to have written any more – but I write a few more things that perhaps they may be of worth unto my brethren the Lamanites in some future day, according to the will of the Lord.*

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Moroni 2

Baptism of the Holy Ghost

- Specific Lesson: How to administer the baptism of Holy Ghost after ordination:
 - First, pray mighty prayer.
 - Then, lay on hands for gift of Holy Ghost.
- General Lesson: Ordinances establish order in the church
 - Order is important to God (He is not the author of confusion).

Featured Verses:

- 1 *The words of Christ, which he spake unto his disciples, the twelve whom he had chosen, as he laid his hands upon them.*
- 2 *And he called them by name, saying, Ye shall call on the Father in my name, in mighty prayer; and after ye have done this, ye shall have power that on him whom ye shall lay your hands, ye shall give the Holy Ghost; and in my name shall ye give it, for thus do mine apostles.*
- 3 *Now Christ spake these words unto them at the time of his first appearing; and the multitude heard it not, but the disciples heard it, and on as many as they laid their hands, fell the Holy Ghost.*

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Priesthood Ordination

- Ordain according to the gifts and calling of God *unto men*
- By the power of the Holy Ghost which is in the one ordaining

Featured Verses:

- 1 *The manner which the disciples, who were called the elders of the church, ordained priests and teachers.*
- 2 *After they had prayed unto the Father in the name of Christ, they laid their hands upon them, and said, In the name of Jesus Christ I ordain you to be a priest; (or if he be a teacher;) **I ordain you to be a teacher, to preach repentance and remission of sins through Jesus Christ, by the endurance of faith on his name to the end. Amen.***
- 3 *And after this manner did they ordain priests and teachers, according to the gifts and callings of God unto men; and they ordained them by the power of the Holy Ghost, which was in them.*

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Moroni 4

Sacrament – Administration of the Bread

- Manner of *Administration*... according to the commandment
- Prayer over bread by elder or priest while kneeling
- Partake together of the bread *to retain (always have) Christ’s Spirit*

Featured Verses:

- 1 *The manner of their elders and priests administering the flesh and blood of Christ unto the church:*
- 2 *And they administered it according to the commandments of Christ; wherefore we know the manner to be true, and the elder or priest administered it:*
- 3 *And they did kneel down with the church and prayed to the Father in the name of Christ, saying,*
- 4 *O God, the eternal Father, we ask thee in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this bread to the souls of all those who partake of it, that they may eat in remembrance of the body of thy Son, and witness unto thee, O God the eternal Father, that they are willing to take upon them the name of thy Son, and always remember him, and keep his commandments which he has given them, that they may always have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.*

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Moroni 5

Sacrament – Administration of the Wine

- Manner of *Administration*... according to the commandment
- Prayer over wine by elder or priest while kneeling
- Partake together of the wine *to have Christ’s Spirit*

Featured Verses:

- 1 *The manner of administering the wine.*
- 2 *Behold, they took the cup, and said,*
- 3 *O God, the eternal Father, we ask thee, in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this wine to the souls of all those who drink of it, that they may do it in remembrance of the blood of thy Son which was shed for them, that they may witness unto thee, O God, the eternal Father, that they do always remember him, that they may have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.*

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Moroni 6

Baptism, etc.

- Baptism & fruits meet for the same
- Recording members’ names
- Nourished by good Word of God
- Reliance upon merits of Jesus Christ *alone*
- Manner of addressing dissension
- Meetings led by Holy Spirit

Featured Verse:

9 *And their meetings were conducted by the church, after the manner of the workings of the Spirit, and by the power of the Holy Ghost; for as the power of the Holy Ghost led them whether to preach or exhort, or to pray, or to supplicate, or to sing, even so it was done.*

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On Faith, Hope & Charity: The fountain of all righteousness

- On giving
- Judging in the light of Christ
- The ministry of angels (emphasized below)
- Laying hold upon all good things by faith
- Living by Faith, Hope, Charity
- Etc.

Featured Verses:

52 *Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail; but **charity is the pure love of Christ**, and it endureth for ever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with them.*

53 *Wherefore, my beloved brethren, **pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart**, that ye may be filled with this love which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son Jesus Christ, that ye may become the sons of God, that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is, **that we may have this hope**, that we may be purified even **as he is pure. Amen.***

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Lesson Point

- The Work and Ministry of Angels
 - Angels are directly involved in the work of the covenants.
 - In fact, this is a significant portion of their calling and ministry, along with calling the children of men to repentance.
 - Therefore, we must expect that they will be directly involved in the work of restoring the remnant of Lehi’s people to the knowledge of their Redeemer and the very points of His doctrine.
 - Not believing in the involvement of angels in this work comes of unbelief and iniquity.

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Moroni 7: the Ministry of Angels

Moroni 7

The Office of their Ministry

- 30 Behold, I say unto you, Nay; **neither have angels ceased to minister unto the children of men.**
- 31 For behold, they are *subject unto him, to minister according to the word of his command, shewing themselves unto them of strong faith and a firm mind, in every form of godliness.*
- 32 And the office of their ministry is, **to call men unto repentance, and to fulfill and to do the work of the covenants** of the Father which he hath made unto the children of men, to prepare the way among the children of men, **by declaring the word of Christ** unto the chosen vessels of the Lord, that they may bear testimony of him;
- 33 And by so doing, the Lord God prepareth the way that the residue of men may have *faith in Christ, that the Holy Ghost may have place in their hearts, according to the power thereof;*
- 34 And after this manner bringeth to pass the Father the covenants which he hath made unto the children of men.

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Moroni 7: the Ministry of Angels

D&C 46

That Ye May Not Be Seduced by False Angels, etc.

- 3b *but ye are commanded in all things to ask of God, who giveth liberally, and that which the Spirit testifies unto you, even so I would that you should do in all holiness of heart,*
- 3c *walking uprightly before me, considering the end of your salvation, doing all things with prayer and thanksgiving, that ye may not be seduced by evil spirits, or doctrines of devils, or the commandments of men, for some are of men, and others of devils.*
- 4a *Wherefore, beware, lest ye are deceived, and that ye may not be deceived, seek ye earnestly the best gifts, always remembering for what they are given;*
- 4b *for verily I say unto you, They are given for the benefit of those who love me and keep all my commandments, and him that seeketh so to do, that all may be benefited, that seeketh or that asketh of me, that asketh and not for a sign that he may consume it upon his lusts.*

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D&C 90

Consequence of Disobedience & Traditions

- 6a *The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth; and light and truth forsaketh that evil one.*
- 6b *Every spirit of man was innocent in the beginning, and God having redeemed man from the fall, men became again in their infant state, innocent before God.*
- 6c *And that wicked one cometh and taketh away light and truth, through disobedience, from the children of men, and because of the tradition of their fathers.*

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Alma 15

“The things which the Lord hath allotted unto me”

- 51 *And thus we see the great call of the diligence of men to labor in the vineyards of the Lord; and thus we see the great reason of sorrow, and also of rejoicing; sorrow because of death and destruction among men, and joy because of the light of Christ unto life.*
- 52 *O that I were an angel, and could have the wish of mine heart, that I might go forth and speak with the trump of God, with a voice to shake the earth, and cry repentance unto every people;*
- 53 ***Yea, I would declare unto every soul, as with the voice of thunder, repentance, and the plan of redemption, that they should repent and come unto our God, that there might be no more sorrow upon all the face of the earth.***
- 54 *But behold, I am a man, and do sin in my wish; for I ought to be content with the things which the Lord hath allotted unto me.*

(Remember Moroni 3:3 “according to...”)

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Moroni 8

Baptism

- Baptism of little children addressed
- Pattern of true baptism

Featured Verses:

9 *...the whole need no physician.....little children are whole, for they are not capable of committing sin...*

10 *...little children are alive in Christ...*

29 *And the first-fruits of repentance is baptism; and baptism cometh by faith, unto the fulfilling the commandments; and the fulfilling the commandments bringeth remission of sins; and the remission of sins bringeth meekness, and lowliness of heart; and because of meekness and lowliness of heart, cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost, which Comforter filleth with hope and perfect love, which love endureth by diligence unto prayer, until the end shall come, when all the saints shall dwell with God.*

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Let Us Labor Diligently / Endurance and Faithfulness

- Endurance and diligence unto the end exemplified and urged

Featured Verse:

6 *And now my beloved son, notwithstanding their hardness, let us labor diligently; for if we should cease to labor, we should be brought under condemnation; for we have a labor to perform whilst in this tabernacle of clay, that we may conquer the enemy of all righteousness, and rest our souls in the kingdom of God.*

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The Power of the Holy Ghost

- Note the qualifier “if it be wisdom in God that ye should read [the Book of Mormon]”
- Note that they are to be mindful of how merciful the Lord hath been from the creation of Adam. This is where Ammon and Aaron began in teaching the Lamanites the gospel of Christ. And this is where we are to begin as well.
- By the *power* of the Holy Ghost, they may know the truth of all things

Featured Verses:

- 1 *Now I, Moroni, write somewhat as seemeth me good; and I write unto my brethren the Lamanites, and I would that they should know that more than four hundred and twenty years have passed away, since the sign was given of the coming of Christ.*
- 2 *And I seal up these records, after I have spoken a few words by way of exhortation unto you.*
- 3 *Behold, I would exhort you that when ye shall read these things, if it be wisdom in God that ye should read them, that ye would remember how merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men, **from the creation of Adam** [remember Alma 12:112-122], even down until the time that ye shall receive these things, and ponder it in your hearts.*
- 4 *And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true;*
- 5 *And if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost; and **by the power of the Holy Ghost, ye may know the truth of all things.***

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Faith and the Assurance of Hope in Jesus Christ

- Nothing that is good denies Jesus Christ.
- Deny not the power of God.
- Faith is required for the power of God to work among them.
- Our God is unchangeable and He does not vary from that which He has spoken.

Featured Verses:

- 6 *And whatsoever thing is good, is just and true; wherefore, nothing that is good denieth the Christ, but acknowledgeth that he is.*
- 7 *And ye may know that he is, by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore I would exhort you, that ye deny not the power of God; for he worketh by power, according to the faith of the children of men, the same to-day and to-morrow, and for ever.*

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The Administration of Spiritual Gifts

- Deny not the gifts of God and their administration, including the ministry of angels, who call the children of men to repentance and work the work of covenants.

Featured Verses:

- 8 *And again I exhort you, my brethren, that ye deny not the gifts of God, for they are many; and they come from the same God.*
- 9 *And there are different ways that these gifts are administered; but it is the same God who worketh all in all; and they are given by the manifestations of the Spirit of God unto men, to profit them.*

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Moroni 10

The Call / The Invitation

- Come unto Christ
- Awake and arise from the dust
- Put on the beautiful garments of righteous
- So that the covenants of God might be fulfilled

Featured Verses:

- 27 *And again I would exhort you, that ye would come unto Christ, and lay hold upon every good gift and touch not the evil gift, nor the unclean thing.*
- 28 *And awake, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem; yea, and put on thy beautiful garments, O daughter of Zion, and strengthen thy stakes, and enlarge thy borders for ever, that thou mayest no more be confounded, that the covenants of the eternal Father which he hath made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled.*

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Be Perfected In Christ

- Be perfect (merciful) even as your Father in heaven is perfect (merciful) [compare Matthew 5:40-50 & Luke 6:36 with Alma 19:97]
- Regarding the declaration oft heard in this world, “No one is perfect.”
 - The declaration “No one is perfect” is the theme of the anti-Christ.
 - It denies the power of God, that Jesus Christ is perfect and that we have been commanded to come unto Christ and be perfected in Him.
 - This declaration that “No one is perfect” speaks against the closing verses of the Book of Moroni and the call to the Lamanites and all who read to come unto Christ and be perfected in Him.
 - It is not from the Spirit of God, but of that evil spirit which promotes unbelief.
 - Remember, with God all things are possible.

Featured Verses:

- 29 *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.*
- 30 *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.*

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Resurrection & Final Judgment

- Remember, we will all be raised from the dead and be brought to stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
 - Compare with II Corinthians 5:9-11 & I Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - Compare with Helaman 5:63-108

Featured Verses:

31 *And now I bid unto all, farewell. I soon go to rest in the paradise of God, until my spirit and body shall again reunite, and I am brought forth triumphant through the air, to meet you before the pleasing bar of the great Jehovah, the eternal Judge of both quick and dead. Amen.*

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Conclusion

- The book of Moroni, which is the last book of the Book of Mormon, summarizes *the very points* of Jesus Christ's doctrine, which Nephi prophesied the Lamanites would receive in a "future day" through the Gentile church (I Nephi 4:19).
- Each chapter in the book of Moroni contains a summary of particular *points* of Jesus Christ's doctrine, each of which is important for building up His church among the Lamanites (cf. D&C 29:2c with D&C 2:6 & 3:15a,b).
- The book of Moroni was written specifically to the Lamanites through the pure love of Christ, charity, according to the will of God (Moroni 1:1-4 & Ether 5:30-36 with Mormon 1:49-53).
- Without charity, i.e. without Christ and His love, we cannot assist in this work of restoring the Lamanites to the knowledge of their Redeemer and the very points of His doctrine (Mormon 7:49-52 & D&C 4:1e & 11:4b with I Nephi 4:19).