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And now I Moroni write a few of the words of my father Mormon which he spake concerning faith hope & charity for after this manner did he speak unto the people as he taught them in the Synagogue wh--ich they had built for the place of worship—

And now I Mormon speak unto you my beloved brethren & it is by the grace of God the Father & our Lord Jesus Christ & his holy will because of the gift of his calling unto me that I am permitted to speak unto you at this time

wherefore I would speak unto you that are of the church that are the peaceable followers of christ & that have obtained a sufficient hope by which ye can enter into the rest of the Lord from this time hence forth until ye shall rest with him in Heaven

& 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 th(By their)er works ye shall know them for if their works be good than they are good also

for behold God hath said A man being evil cannot do that which is good for if he offereth a gift or prayeth unto God except he shall do it with real in--tent it proffiteth him nothing

for behold it is not counted unto him for righteasness

for behold if a man being evil givith a gift he doeth it grudgingly wherefore it is counted unto him the same as if he had retained the gift wherefore he is counted evil before God

& likewise also is it counted evil unto a man if he shall p(r)ay & not with real intent of heart yea & it proffiteth him nothing for God recei(-veth) **456** none such

CHAPTER 7 [X_ _]

An invitation is given to enter into the rest of the Lord—Pray with real intent—The Spirit of Christ enables men to know good from evil—Satan persuades men to deny Christ and do evil—The prophets manifest the coming of Christ—By faith, miracles are wrought and angels minister—Men should hope for eternal life and cleave unto charity. About A.D. 401–21.

¹And now I, Moroni, write a few of the words of my father Mormon, which he spake concerning faith, hope, **and** charity; for after this manner did he speak unto the people, as he taught them in the **synagogue** wh[-][-]ich they had built for the place of worship[**_**].

²And now I, Mormon, speak unto you, my beloved brethren; **and** it is by the grace of God the Father, **and** our Lord Jesus Christ, **and** his holy will, because of the gift of his calling unto me, that I am permitted to speak unto you at this time.

³Wherefore, I would speak unto you that are of the church, that are the peaceable followers of **Christ**, **and** that have obtained a sufficient hope by which ye can enter into the rest of the Lord, from this time hence[**_**]forth until ye shall rest with him in **heaven**.

⁴**And** now my brethren, I judge these things of you because of your peaceable walk with the children of men.

⁵For I remember the word of God which saith **[X_ _]by their[_]** works ye shall know them; for if their works be good, **then** they are good also.

⁶For behold, God hath said **a** man being evil cannot do that which is good; for if he offereth a gift, or prayeth unto God, except he shall do it with real in[-][-]tent it pro[**_**]fiteth him nothing.

⁷For behold, it is not counted unto him for righte**ous**ness.

⁸For behold, if a man being evil **giveth** a gift, he doeth it grudgingly; wherefore it is counted unto him the same as if he had retained the gift; wherefore he is counted evil before God.

⁹**And** likewise also is it counted evil unto a man, if he shall **pray and** not with real intent of heart; yea, **and** it prof[**_**]iteth him nothing, for God recei[-][-]**iveth** none such.

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wherefore a man being evil cannot do that which is good nee neither will he give a good gift

for behold a bitter fountain cannot bring forth good water neither can a good fountain bring forth bitter water wherefore a man be--ing the servant of the devil cannot follow Christ & if he follow Christ he cannot be a servant of the devil

wherefore all things which are good cometh of God & that which is evil cometh of the devil for the devil is an enemy unto God & fighteth against him continually & inviteth & enticeth to sin & to do that which is evil continually

but behold that which is of God inviteth & enticeth to do good continually wherefore every thing which inviteth & enticeth to do good & to love God & to serve him is inspired of God

wherefore take heed my beloved brethren that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God or that which is good & of God to be of the devil

for behold my brethren it is given unto you to judge that ye may know good from evil & the way to judge is as plain that ye may know with a perfect knowledge as the day light is from the dark night

for behold the spirit of Christ is given to every man that they may know good from evil wherefore I shew unto you the way to judge for every thing which inviteth to do good & to persuade to believe in christ is sent forth by the power (& gift) of Christ wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God

but whatsoever thing persuadeth (men) to do evil & believe not in christ & deny him & serve not God then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil for af--ter this manner doth the devil work for he ~~persua~~(persuadeth)et no man to do good no not one neither doth his angels neither doth they which subject themselves unto him

& now my brethren seeing that ye know the light by which ye may judge which light is the light of Christ see that ye do not judge wrongfully for with that same judg--ment which ye judge ye shall also be judged

¹⁰Wherefore, a man being evil cannot do that which is good; [_ _] neither will he give a good gift.

¹¹For behold, a bitter fountain cannot bring forth good water; neither can a good fountain bring forth bitter water; wherefore, a man be[-][-]ing a servant of the devil cannot follow Christ; and if he follow Christ he cannot be a servant of the devil.

¹²Wherefore, all things which are good cometh of God; and that which is evil cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to sin, and to do that which is evil continually.

¹³But behold, that which is of God inviteth and enticeth to do good continually; wherefore, every thing which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to love God, and to serve him, is inspired of God.

¹⁴Wherefore, take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that which is good and of God to be of the devil.

¹⁵For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that ye may know good from evil; and the way to judge is as plain, that ye may know with a perfect knowledge, as the day []light is from the dark night.

¹⁶For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that []he[] may know good from evil; wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge; for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God.

¹⁷But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil; for af[-][-]ter this manner doth the devil work, for he [_ _ _ _]persuadeth[_] no man to do good, no, not one; neither do[_] his angels; neither do[_] they who subject themselves unto him.

¹⁸And now, my brethren, seeing that ye know the light by which ye may judge, which light is the light of Christ, see that ye do not judge wrongfully; for with that same judg[-][-]ment which ye judge ye shall also be judged.

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wherefore I beseech of you brethren that ye should search diligently in the light of Christ that ye may know good from evil & if ye will lay hold upon every good thing & condemn it not ye certainly will be a child of Christ

& now my brethren how is it possible that ye can lay hold upon every good thing

& now I come to that faith of which I said I would speak & I will tell you the way whereby ye may lay hold on every good thing

for behold God knowing all things being from everlasting to everlasting behold he sent *angels* to minister unto the children of men to make manifest concerning the coming of Christ & in Christ there should come every good thing

& God also declared unto prophets by his own mouth that Christ should come

& behold there were divers ways that he did manifest things unto the children of men which were good & all things which are good cometh of Christ otherwise men were fallen & there could no good thing come unto them

wherefore by the ministering of angels & by every word which ~~pre~~(preceded)~~eeded~~ forth out of the mouth of God men began to exercise faith in Christ & thus by faith they did lay hold upon every good thing & thus it was until the coming of Christ

& after that he came men also were saved by faith in his name & by faith they become the Sons of God & as surely as Christ liveth **457** he spake these words unto our fathers saying Whatsoever thing ye shall ask the Father in my name which is good in faith believing that ye shall receive behold it shall be done unto you

wherefore my beloved brethren hath miracles ceased because that Christ hath ascended into Heaven & hath sit down on the right hand of God to claim of the Father his rights of mercy which he hath upon the children of men

for he hath answered the ends of the law & he claimeth all those that hath faith in him & they that have faith in him will cleave unto every good thing wherefore he advocateth the cause of the children of men & he dwelleth Eternally in the Heavens

¹⁹Wherefore, I beseech of you, brethren, that ye should search diligently in the light of Christ that ye may know good from evil; **and** if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, **and** condemn it not, ye certainly will be a child of Christ.

²⁰**And** now, my brethren, how is it possible that ye can lay hold upon every good thing?

²¹**And** now I come to that faith, of which I said I would speak; **and** I will tell you the way whereby ye may lay hold on every good thing.

²²For behold, God knowing all things, being from everlasting to everlasting, behold, he sent angels to minister unto the children of men, to make manifest concerning the coming of Christ; **and** in Christ there should come every good thing.

²³**And** God also declared unto prophets, by his own mouth, that Christ should come.

²⁴**And** behold, there were divers ways that he did manifest things unto the children of men, which were good; **and** all things which are good cometh of Christ; otherwise men were fallen, **and** there could no good thing come unto them.

²⁵Wherefore, by the ministering of angels, **and** by every word which [_ _ _]proceeded[_ _ _ _] forth out of the mouth of God, men began to exercise faith in Christ; **and** thus by faith, they did lay hold upon every good thing; **and** thus it was until the coming of Christ.

²⁶**And** after that he came men also were saved by faith in his name; **and** by faith, they become the sons of God. **And** as surely as Christ liveth he spake these words unto our fathers, saying: Whatsoever thing ye shall ask the Father in my name, which is good, in faith believing that ye shall receive, behold, it shall be done unto you.

²⁷Wherefore, my beloved brethren, have miracles ceased because [X] Christ hath ascended into heaven, **and** hath sat down on the right hand of God, to claim of the Father his rights of mercy which he hath upon the children of men?

²⁸For he hath answered the ends of the law, **and** he claimeth all those who have faith in him; **and** they who have faith in him will cleave unto every good thing; wherefore he advocateth the cause of the children of men; **and** he dwelleth eternally in the heavens.

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& because that he hath done this my beloved brethren have miracels ceased behold I say unto you nay neither hath angels ceased to minister unto the children of men

for behold they are subject unto him to minister according to the word of his command shewing themselves unto them of strong faith & a firm mind in every form of Godliness

& the office of their ministry is to call men unto repentance & to fulfil & to do the work of the covenants of the Father which he hath made unto the children of men to prep--are the way among the children of men by declaring the word of Christ unto them vessels of the Lord that they may bear testimony of him

& by so doing the Lord God pre--pareth the way that the residue may have faith in Christ that the Holy Ghost may have place in their hearts according to the power thereof & after this manner bringeth to pass the Father the covenants which he hath made unto the chil-dren of men

& christ hath said If ye will have faith in me ye shall have pow--er to do whatsoever thing is expediant in me

& he hath said Repent all ye ends of the earth & come unto me & be Baptized in my name & have faith in me that ye may be saved

& now my beloved brethren if this be the case that these things are true which I have spoken unto you & God will shew unto you with power & great glory at the last day that they are true & if they are true hath the *day* of miracels ceased

or hath angels ceased to appear unto the children of men or hath he withheld the power of the Holy Ghost from them or will he so long as time shall last or ~~or~~ the earth shall stand or there shall be one man upon the face thereof to be saved

behold I say unto you nay for it is by faith that miracels are wrought & it is by faith that angels appear & minister unto men wherefore if these things have ceased wo be unto the children of men for it is because of unbelief & all is vain

²⁹**And** because **[X]** he hath done this, my beloved brethren, have mirac**les** ceased? Behold I say unto you, **Nay**; neither **have** angels ceased to minister unto the children of men.

³⁰**F**or behold, they are subject unto him, to minister according to the word of his command, **showing** themselves unto them of strong faith **and** a firm mind in every form of **godliness**.

³¹**And** the office of their ministry is to call men unto repentance, **and** to fulfil **and** to do the work of the covenants of the Father, which he hath made unto the children of men, to prep[-][-]are 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.

³²**And** by so doing, the Lord God pre[-][-]pareth 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; **and** after this manner bringeth to pass the Father, the covenants which he hath made unto the chil[-]dren of men.

³³**And** Christ hath said: If ye will have faith in me ye shall have pow[-][-]er to do whatsoever thing is exped**ient** in me.

³⁴**And** he hath said: Repent all ye ends of the earth, **and** come unto me, **and** be **baptized** in my name, **and** have faith in me, that ye may be saved.

³⁵**And** now, my beloved brethren, if this be the case that these things are true which I have spoken unto you, **and** God will **show** unto you, with power **and** great glory at the last day, that they are true, **and** if they are true has~~[-]~~ the day of mirac**les** ceased?

³⁶**Or** **have** angels ceased to appear unto the children of men? **Or** has~~[-]~~ he withheld the power of the Holy Ghost from them? **Or** will he, so long as time shall last, or **[X]** the earth shall stand, or there shall be one man upon the face thereof to be saved?

³⁷Behold I say unto you, **Nay**; for it is by faith that mirac**les** are wrought; **and** it is by faith that angels appear **and** minister unto men; wherefore, if these things have ceased wo be unto the children of men, for it is because of unbelief, **and** all is vain.

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for no man can be saved according to the words of Christ save they shall have faith in his name wherefore if these things have ceased then has faith ceased also & awful is the state of man for they are as though there had been no redemption made

but behold my beloved brethren I judge better things of you for I judge that ye have faith in Christ because of your meekness for if ye have not faith in him then ye are not fit to be numbered among the people of his Church

& again my beloved brethren I would speak unto you concerning hope how is it that ye can attain unto faith save ye shall have hope

& what is it that ye (shall hope for behold) **458** I say unto you that ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ & the power of his resurrection to be raised ~~unto~~(unto) life Eternal & this because of your faith in him according to the promise

wherefore if a man have faith he must needs hope for without faith there cannot any hope

& again behold I say unto you that he cannot have faith & hope save he shall be meek & lowly of heart

if so his faith & hope is vain for none is exceptable before God save the meek & lowly of heart & if a man be meek & lowly in heart & confess by the power of the Holy Ghost that Jesus is the Christ he must needs have charity for if he have not charity he is nothing wherefore he must needs have charity

& charity suffereth long & is kind & envieth not & is not puffed up seeketh not her own is not easily provoked thinketh no evil & rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth beareth all things believeth all things hopeth all things endureth all things

wherefore my beloved brethren if ye have not charity ye are nothing for charity never faileth wherefore cleave unto charity which is the greatest of all for all things must fail

but charity is the pure love of Christ & it endureth forever & whoso is found possessed of it at the last day it shall be well with them

³⁸For no man can be saved, according to the words of Christ, save they shall have faith in his name; wherefore, if these things have **ceased**, then has faith **[]**ceased also; **and** awful is the state of man, for they are as though there had been no redemption made.

³⁹But behold, my beloved brethren, I judge better things of you, for I judge that ye have faith in Christ because of your meek**[-][-]**ness; for if ye have not faith in him then ye are not fit to be numbered among the people of his **church**.

⁴⁰And again, my beloved brethren, I would speak unto you concerning hope. **How** is it that ye can attain unto faith, save ye shall have hope?

⁴¹And what is it that ye **shall hope for? Behold** I say unto you that ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ **and** the power of his resurrection, to be raised **[_ _]**unto life **eternal**, **and** this because of your faith in him according to the promise.

⁴²Wherefore, if a man have faith he must needs **have** hope; for without faith there cannot **be** any hope.

⁴³And again, behold I say unto you that he cannot have faith **and** hope, save he shall be meek, **and** lowly of heart.

⁴⁴If so, his faith **and** hope is vain, for none is **accept[-][-]**able before God, save the meek **and** lowly **in** heart; **and** if a man be meek **and** lowly in heart, **and** con**[-][-]**fesses by the power of the Holy Ghost that Jesus is the Christ, he must needs have charity; for if he have not charity he is nothing; wherefore he must needs have charity.

⁴⁵And charity suffer**[-][-]**eth long, **and** is kind, **and** envieth not, **and** is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, **and** rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

⁴⁶Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. **Wh[-][-]**erefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail—

⁴⁷But char**[-][-]**ity is the pure love of Christ, **and** it endureth forever; **and** whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with **him**.

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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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⁴⁸Wherefore, 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 [X] shall see him as he is; that we may have this hope; that we may be purified even as he is pure. Amen.