

Moroni 7

Chapter —

¹And 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 which they had built for the place of worship—

²And 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

³wherefore 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

⁴& 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 ~~by th~~ ^{By their} ~~er~~ works ye shall know them for if their works be good ~~than~~ 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 intent
it proffiteth him nothing

⁷for behold it is not counted unto him for righteasness

⁸for 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
⁹& likewise also is it counted evil unto a man
if he shall p^ray & not with real intent of heart
yea & it proffiteth him nothing
for God recei^{veth} none such

¹⁰wherefore a man being evil cannot do that which is good
~~nee~~ 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 being the servant of the devil cannot follow Christ
& if he follow Christ he cannot be a servant of the devil

¹²wherefore 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
¹³but 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

¹⁴wherefore 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
¹⁵for 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
¹⁶for 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
¹⁷but 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 after 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

¹⁸& 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 judgment which ye judge
ye shall also be judged
¹⁹wherefore 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

²⁰& now my brethren
how is it possible that ye can lay hold upon every good thing
²¹& 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

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
& in christ there should come every good thing
²³& God also declared unto prophets by his own mouth
that Christ should come
²⁴& 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

²⁵wherefore by the ministering of angels
& by every word which ~~proe~~^{proceeded}~~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
²⁶& after that he come men also were saved by faith in his name
& by faith they become the Sons of God
& as suredly 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 hath miracels 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
²⁸for 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

²⁹& 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
³⁰for 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
³¹& 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 prepare 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

³²& by so doing the Lord God prepareth 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 children of men
³³& christ hath said
If ye will have faith in me
ye shall have power to do whatsoever thing is expediant in me
³⁴& 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

³⁵& 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 miracles ceased
³⁶or 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
³⁷behold I say unto you nay
for it is by faith that miracles 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
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
& 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 meekness
for if ye have not faith in him
then ye are not fit to be numbered among the people of his Church

⁴⁰& 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

⁴¹& what is it that ye ^{shall hope for}
behold 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
⁴²wherefore if a man have faith he must needs hope
for without faith there cannot any hope
⁴³& again behold I say unto you that he cannot have faith & hope
save he shall be meek & lowly of heart
⁴⁴if 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
⁴⁵& 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
⁴⁶wherefore 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
⁴⁷but 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

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 shall see him as he is
that we may have this hope
that we may be purified even as he is pure
Amen