

Moroni 8

Chapter

¹An epistle of my father Mormon written to me Moroni
& it was written unto me soon after my calling to the ministry
& on this wise did he write unto me saying

²my^{My} beloved son Moroni I rejoice exceedingly
that your Lord Jesus Christ hath been mindful of you
& hath called you to his ministry & to his holy work

³I am mindful of you always in my prayers
continually praying unto God the Father in the name of his holy child Jesus
that he through his infinite goodness & grace will keep you
through the endurance of faith on his name to the end

⁴& now my son I speak unto you
concerning that which grieveth me exceedingly
for it grieveth me that there should disputations rise among you

⁵for if I have learned the truth
there has been disputations among you
concerning the baptizing of your little children

⁶& now my son I desire that ye should labor exceedingly
that this gross error should be removed from among you
for for this intent I have written this epistle

⁷for immediately after I had learned these things of you
I inquired of the Lord concerning the matter
& the word of the Lord came to me by the power of the Holy Ghost saying

⁸Listen to the words of Christ your Redeemer your Lord & your God
Behold I came into the world not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance
the whole need no physician but they that are sick
wherefore little children are whole
for they are not capable of committing sin
wherefore the curse of Adam is taken from them in me
that it hath no power over them
& the law of circumcision is done away in me

⁹& after this manner did the Holy Ghost manifest the word of God unto me

wherefore my beloved son
I know that it is solemn mockery before God
that ye should baptize little children

¹⁰behold I say unto you that this thing shall ye teach
repentance & baptism unto they
which are accountable & capable of committing sin
yea teach parents that they must repent & be baptized
& humble themselves as their little children
& they shall all be saved with their little children

¹¹& their little children ~~no~~^{need}t no repentance neither baptism
behold baptism is unto repentance
to the fulfilling the commandments unto the remission of sins
¹²but little children are alive in christ
even from the foundation of the world
if not so God is a partial God
& also a changeable ~~b~~^{God} & ~~eing~~ a respecter to persons
for how many little children have died without baptism
¹³wherefore if little children could not be saved without baptism
these must have gone to an endless hell
¹⁴behold I say unto you
that he that supposeth that little children needeth baptism
is in the gall of bitterness & in the bonds of iniquity
for he hath neither faith hope nor charity
wherefore should he be cut off while in the thought
he must go down to hell
¹⁵for awful is the wickedness to suppose
that God saveth one child because of baptism
& the other ~~m~~^{must} us perish because he hath ^{no} ~~not~~ baptism
¹⁶wo be unto him that shall pervert the way of the Lord after this manner
for they shall perish except they repent

behold I speak with boldness
having authority from God
~~for~~[&] I fear not what man can do
for perfect love casteth out all fear
¹⁷& I am filled with charity which is everlasting love
wherefore all children are alike unto me
wherefore I love little children with a perfect love
& they are all alike & partakers of salvation
¹⁸for I know that God is not a partial God neither a changeable being
but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity
¹⁹little children cannot repent
wherefore it is awful wickedness
to deny the pure mercies of God unto them
for they are all alive in him because of his mercy
²⁰& he that saith that little children needeth ~~repen~~^{baptism}
~~denieth~~^{tance} the mercies of Christ
& seteth at nought the atonement of him
& the power of his redemption
²¹wo unto such
for they are in danger of death hell & an endless torment

I speak it boldly
God hath commanded me
listen unto them & give heed
or they stand against you at the judgement seat of Christ

²²for behold that all little children are alive in Christ
& also all they that are without the law
for the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law
wherefore he that is not condemned
or he that is under no condemnation cannot repent
& unto such baptism availeth nothing
²³but is is mockery before God
denying the mercies of Christ & the power of his Holy spirit
& putting trust in dead works
²⁴behold my son this thing had not ought to be
for repentance is unto them that are under condemnation
& under the curse of a broken law

²⁵& the first fruits of repentance is baptism
& *Baptism* cometh by faith unto the fulfilling the commandments
& the fulfilling the commandments bringeth remission of sins
²⁶& the remission of sins bringeth meekness & lowliness of heart
& because of meekness & lowliness of heart
cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost
which comforter filleth with hope & perfect love
which ^{love} endureth by diligence unto prayer
until the end shall come
when all the saints shall dwell with God

²⁷behold my son I will write unto you again
if I go not out soon against the Lamanites
behold the pride of this nation or the pride of the Nephites
hath proved their destruction except they should repent
²⁸pray for them my son that repentance may come unto them
but behold I fear lest the spirit hath ceased striving with them
& in this part of the land they are also seeking
to put down all power & authority which cometh from God
& they are denying the Holy Ghost
²⁹& after rejecting so great a knowledge my son they must perish soon
unto the fulfilling of the prophecies which was spoken by the prophets
as well as the words of our Savior himself
³⁰my ^{farewell} ~~S~~ on my son until I shall write unto you
or shall meet you again
Amen