

And it came to pass that when Jesus had spake these words unto Nephi & to those which had been called now the number of them which had been called & received power & authority to baptize were twelve & behold he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude & cried unto them saying Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve which I have chosen from among you to minister unto you & to be your servants & unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water & after that ye are baptized with water behold I will baptize you with fire & with ~~fire & with~~ the Holy Ghost therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me & be baptized after that ye have seen me & know that I am

& again more blessed are they which shall believe in your words because ^{that} ye shall testify that ye have seen me & that ye know that I am yea blessed are they which shall believe in your words & come down ^{into} ~~un~~ the depths of humility & be baptized for they shall be visited with fire & with the Holy Ghost & shall receive a remission of their sins

yea blessed are the poor in spirit which cometh unto me for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven

& again blessed are all they that mourn for they shall be comforted

& blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth

& blessed are all they which do hunger & thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost

& blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy

& blessed are all the pure in heart for they shall see God

CHAPTER 12

Jesus calls and commissions the twelve disciples— He delivers to the Nephites a discourse similar to the Sermon on the Mount—He speaks the Beatitudes—His teachings transcend and take precedence over the law of Moses—Men are commanded to be perfect even as He and His Father are perfect—Compare Matthew 5. About A.D. 34.

¹And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, **and** to those **who** had been called, (now the number of them **who** had been called, **and** received power **and** authority to baptize, **was** twelve) **and** behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, **and** cried unto them, saying: Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve **whom** I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, **and** to be your servants; **and** unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; **and** after that ye are baptized with water, behold, I will baptize you with fire **and** with **[X_X_X]** the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me **and** be baptized, after that ye have seen me **and** know that I am.

²**And** again, more blessed are they **who** shall believe in your words because **that** ye shall testify that ye have seen me, **and** that ye know that I am. **Yea**, blessed are they **who** shall believe in your words, **and** come down **into**[_ _] the depths of humility **and** be baptized, for they shall be visited with fire **and** with the Holy Ghost, **and** shall receive a remission of their sins.

³**Yea**, blessed are the poor in spirit **who** come[_ _] unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of **heaven**.

⁴**And** again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵**And** blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶**And** blessed are all they **who** do hunger **and** thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.

⁷**And** blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

⁸**And** blessed are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

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& blessed are all the peace makers for they shall be called **383** the children of God

& blessed are all they which are persecuted for my name sake for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven

& blessed are ye when men shall revile you & persecute ~~you~~ & **shall** say all manner of evil against you falsly for my sake

for ye shall have great joy & be exceeding glad for great shall be your reward in Heaven for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you

verily verily I say unto you I give unto you to be the salt of the earth but if the salt shall lose its ~~sav~~^{savour} ~~ie~~ wherewith shall the earth be salted the salt shall be thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out & to be trodden under foot of men

verily verily I say unto you I give unto you to be the light of this people a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid

behold do men light a candle & put it under a bushel nay but on a candlestick & it giveth light to all that are in the house

therefore let your light so shine before this people that they may see your good works & glorify your Father which is in Heaven

think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets I am not come to destroy but to fulfil

for verily I say unto you one jot nor one tittle hath not passed away from the law but in me it hath all been fulfilled

& behold I have given unto you the law & the commandments of my Father that ye shall believe in me & that ye shall repent of your sins & come unto me with a broken heart & a contrite spirit behold ye have the commandments before you & the law is fulfilled

therefore come unto me & be ye saved for verily I say unto you that except ye shall keep my commandments which I have commanded you at this time ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven

⁹**And** blessed are all the peace[]makers, for they shall be called the children of God.

¹⁰**And** blessed are all they **who** are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of **heaven**.

¹¹**And** blessed are ye when men shall revile you **and** persecute [X], **and shall** say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake;

¹²**F**or ye shall have great joy **and** be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in **heaven**; for so persecuted they the prophets **who** were before you.

¹³**V**erily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the salt of the earth; but if the salt shall lose its [_ _]savo[_]r[_] wherewith shall the earth be salted? **T**he salt shall be thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out **and** to be trodden under foot of men.

¹⁴**V**erily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the light of this people. **A** city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵**B**ehold, do men light a candle **and** put it under a bushel? **N**ay, but on a candlestick, **and** it giveth light to all that are in the house;

¹⁶**T**herefore let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works **and** glorify your Father **who** is in **heaven**.

¹⁷**T**hink not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfil;

¹⁸**F**or verily I say unto you, one jot nor one tittle hath not passed away from the law, but in me it hath all been fulfilled.

¹⁹**A**nd behold, I have given [X] you the law **and** the commandments of my Father, that ye shall believe in me, **and** that ye shall repent of your sins, **and** come unto me with a broken heart **and** a contrite spirit. **B**ehold, ye have the commandments before you, **and** the law is fulfilled.

²⁰**T**herefore come unto me **and** be ye saved; for verily I say unto you, that except ye shall keep my commandments, which I have commanded you at this time, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of **heaven**.

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ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time & it is also written before you That thou shalt not kill & whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the Judgment of God

but I say unto you that whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of his judgment & whosoever shall say to his brother Raca shall be in danger of the council & whosoever shall say thou fool shall be in danger of Hellfire

Therefore if ye shall come unto me or shall desire to come unto me & rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee

go thy way unto thy brother & first be reconciled to thy brother & then come unto me with full purpose of heart & I will receive you

agree with thine adversary quickly while thou art in the way with him lest at any time he shall get thee & thou shalt be cast into prison

verily I say unto thee thou shalt by no means come out thence until thou hast paid the uttermost senine & while ye are in prison can ye pay even one senine ~~we~~ verily verily I say unto you nay

Behold ~~h^uold~~ is written by them of old time That thou shalt not commit adultery

but I say unto you ~~tha~~ That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery already in his heart

behold I give unto you a commandment that ye suffer none of ~~384~~ these things ~~to enter~~ to enter into your heart

for it is better that ye should deny yourselves of these things wherein ye will take up your cross than that ye should be cast into Hell

it hath been written that whosoever shall put away his wife let him give her a writing of divorcement

verily verily I say unto you That whosoever shall put away his wife saving for the cause of fornication causeth her to commit adultery & whoso shall marry her who is divorced ~~is~~ committeth adultery

& again It is written Thou shalt not forswear thyself but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths

²¹Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, **and** it is also written before you, **that** thou shalt not kill, **and** whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the **judgment** of God;

²²But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of his judgment. **And** whoso[]ever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; **and** whosoever shall say, **Thou fool**, shall be in [] danger of **hell**[]fire.

²³Therefore, if ye shall come unto me, or shall desire to come unto me, **and** rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee—

²⁴Go thy way unto thy brother, **and** first be reconciled to thy brother, **and** then come unto me with full purpose of heart, **and** I will receive you.

²⁵Agree with thine adversary quickly while thou art in the way with him, lest at any time he shall get thee, **and** thou shalt be cast into prison.

²⁶Verily, **verily**, I say unto thee, thou shalt by no means come out thence until thou hast paid the uttermost senine. **And** while ye are in prison can ye pay even one senine? [] Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Nay**.

²⁷Behold, []it[] is written by them of old time, **that** thou shalt not commit adultery;

²⁸But I say unto you, [] that whosoever looketh on a woman, to lust after her, hath committed adultery already in his heart.

²⁹Behold, I give unto you a commandment, that ye suffer none of these things [X_X] to enter into your heart;

³⁰For it is better that ye should deny yourselves of these things, wherein ye will take up your cross, than that ye should be cast into **hell**.

³¹It hath been written, that whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement.

³²Verily, verily, I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; **and** whoso shall marry her who is divorced [X] committeth adultery.

³³**And** again **it** is written, **thou** shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths;

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but verily **verily** I say unto you Swear not at all
neither by Heaven for it is God's throne

nor by the earth for it [is] his footstool

neither shalt thou swear by thy head because thou
canst not make one hair black or white

**But let your communication be yea yea nay
nay** for whatsoever cometh of more than these are
evil

& behold it is written An eye for an eye & a
tooth for a tooth

but I say unto you That ye shall not resist evil but
whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek turn
to him the other also

& if any man will sue thee at the law & take
away thy coat let him have thy cloak also

& whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile go
with him twain

give to him that asketh thee & to him that
would borrow of thee turn thou not away

& behold it is written also That thou shalt love
thy neighbor & hate thine enemy

but behold I say unto you love your enemies bless
them that curse you do good to them that hate you
& pray for them which despitefully ~~y^{use}ou~~ you
& persecute you

that ye may be the children of your ~~heave~~
Father which is in heaven for he maketh his
~~se^{sun}n~~ to rise on the evil & on the good

therefore those things which were of old time
which were under the law in me are all fulfilled

old things are done away & 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

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³⁴**But** verily, **verily**, I say unto you, **swear** not at all;
neither by **heaven**, for it is God's throne;

³⁵**Nor** by the earth, for it is his footstool;

³⁶**Neither** shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou
canst not make one hair black or white;

³⁷**But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay,
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evil.

³⁸**And** behold, it is written, **an eye for an eye, and a**
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whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn
to him the other also;

⁴⁰**And** if any man will sue thee at the law **and** take
away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also;

⁴¹**And** whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go
with him twain.

⁴²**Give** to him that asketh thee, **and from** him that
would borrow of thee turn thou not away.

⁴³**And** behold it is written also, **that** thou shalt love
thy neighbor **and** hate thine enemy;

⁴⁴**But** behold I say unto you, love your enemies, bless
them that curse you, do good to them that hate you,
and pray for them **who** despitefully []use[] you
and persecute you;

⁴⁵**T**hat ye may be the children of your [] Father **who**
is in heaven; for he maketh his
[]sun[] to rise on the evil **and** on the good.

⁴⁶**T**herefore those things which were of old time,
which were under the law, in me are all fulfilled.

⁴⁷**O**ld things are done away, **and** all things have
become new.

⁴⁸**T**herefore I would that ye should be perfect even as
I, or your Father **who** is in heaven is perfect.