

O that I were an angel & could have the wish of mine heart that I might go forth & speak with the trump of God with a voice to shake the earth repentance unto every People

yea I would declare unto every soul as with the voice of thunder repentance & the plan of redemption that they should repent & come unto our God that there might be no more sorrow upon all the face of the earth

but behold I am a man & do sin in my wish for I had ought to be content with the things ~~with~~ which the Lord hath allotted unto me

I had not ought to harrow up in my desires the firm decree of a just God for I know that he granteth unto men according to their desires desires whether it be unto death or unto life yea I know that he ~~allot~~ alloteth unto men yea decreeth unto them decrees which are inalterable ~~whether~~ according to their wills whether it be unto salvation or unto destruction

yea & I know that good & evil hath come before all men or he that knoweth not good from ^{evil is blameless} but he that knoweth good & evil to him it is given according to his desires whether he desireth **244** good or evil life or death joy or remorse of conscience

now seeing that I know these things why should I desire more than to perform the work to which I have been called

why should I desire that I ^{was} an Angel that I could speak unto all the ends ^{of} the earth

for behold the Lord doth grant unto all Nations of their own Nation & tongue to teach his word yea in wisdom all that he seeth fit ~~but~~ that they should have therefore we see that the Lord doth counsel in wisdom according to that which is just & true

CHAPTER 29

*Alma desires to cry repentance with angelic zeal—
The Lord grants teachers for all nations—Alma
glories in the Lord's work and in the success of
Ammon and his brethren. About 76 B.C.*

¹O 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!

²Yea, 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 **not be** more sorrow upon all the face of the earth.

³But behold, I am a man, **and** do sin in my wish; for I **[X]** ought to be content with the things **[X]** which the Lord hath allotted unto me.

⁴I **[X]** ought not to harrow up in my desires the firm decree of a just God, for I **[X]** know that he granteth unto men according to their **[X]** desire **[]**, whether it be unto death or unto life; yea, I know that he **[_ _ _ _ _]** alloteth **unto men**, yea, decreeth unto them decrees which are **u[]**alterable, **[X]** according to their wills, whether **they** be unto salvation or unto destruction.

⁵Yea, **and** I know that good **and** evil have come before all men; **[X]** he that knoweth not good **[_]** from **evil is blameless**; but he that knoweth good **and** evil, to him it **is** given according to his desires, whether he desireth good or evil, life or death, joy or remorse of conscience.

⁶Now, seeing that I know these things, why should I desire more **than** to perform the work to which I have been called?

⁷Why should I desire that I **were an angel**, that I could speak unto all the ends **[_]of** the earth?

⁸For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all nations, of their own nation **and** tongue, to teach his word, yea, in wisdom, all that he seeth fit **[X]** that they should have; therefore we see that the Lord doth counsel in wisdom, according to that which is just **and** true.

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& behold when I see many of my brethren truly penitane & coming to the Lord their God then is my soul filled with joy then do I remember what the Lord has done for me yea even that he hath heard my prayer yea then do I remember his merciful arm which he extended towards me

yea & I also remember the captivity of my fathers for I surely do know that the Lord did deliver them out of bondage & ~~I~~^{by then} did establish his Church yea ~~the Lord~~ yea the Lord God the God of Abraham the God of Isaac & the God of Jacob did deliver them out of bondage

yea I have also remembered the captivity of my Fathers & that same God who delivered them out of the hands of the Egyptians did deliver them out of bondage

yea & that same God did establish his church among them yea & that same God hath called me by a holy calling to Preach the word unto this People hath given me much success in which my joy is full

but I do not glory in my own success alone but my joy is more full because of the success of my brethren which have been up to the land of Nephi

behold they have laboured exceedingly & have brought forth much fruit & how great shall be their reward

now when I think of the success of these my Brethren my soul is carried away even to the separation of it from the body as it were so great is my joy

& now may God grant unto these my Brethren that they may sit down in the kingdom of God yea & also all those which are the fruit of their labour that they may go no more out but that they may praise him forever & may God grant that it may be done according to my words even as I have spoken Amen

⁹I know that which the Lord hath commanded me, and I glory in it. I do not glory of myself, but I glory in that which the Lord hath commanded me; yea, []and this is my glory, that perhaps I may be an instrument in the hands of God to bring some soul to repentance; and this is my joy.

¹⁰And behold, when I see many of my brethren truly penitent, and coming to the Lord their God, then is my soul filled with joy; then do I remember what the Lord has done for me, yea, even that he hath heard my prayer; yea, then do I remember his merciful arm which he extended towards me.

¹¹Yea, and I also remember the captivity of my fathers; for I surely do know that the Lord did deliver them out of bondage, and [X_X]by this[] did establish his church; [X_X_X] yea, the Lord God, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, did deliver them out of bondage.

¹²Yea, I have always remembered the captivity of my fathers; and that same God who delivered them out of the hands of the Egyptians did deliver them out of bondage.

¹³Yea, and that same God did establish his church among them; yea, and that same God hath called me by a holy calling, to preach the word unto this people, and hath given me much success, in []the [] which my joy is full.

¹⁴But I do not glory in my own success alone, but my joy is more full because of the success of my brethren, who have been up to the land of Nephi.

¹⁵Behold, they have labored exceedingly, and have brought forth much fruit; and how great shall be their reward!

¹⁶Now, when I think of the success of these my brethren my soul is carried away, even to the separation of it from the body, as it were, so great is my joy.

¹⁷And now may God grant unto these, my brethren, that they may sit down in the kingdom of God; yea, and also all those who are the fruit of their labors that they may go no more out, but that they may praise him forever. And may God grant that it may be done according to my words, even as I have spoken. Amen.