

The Commandments of Alma to his son Helaman **261**

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Comprising chapters 36 and 37.

Chapter

CHAPTER 36 [X]

Alma testifies to Helaman of his conversion after seeing an angel—He suffered the pains of a damned soul; he called upon the name of Jesus, and was then born of God—Sweet joy filled his soul—He saw concourses of angels praising God—Many converts have tasted and seen as he has tasted and seen. About 74 B.C.

My Son geeve ear to my words for I swear unto you that u as much as ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall prosper in the land

¹My son, g[]ive ear to my words; for I swear unto you, that **in[]as[]** much as ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall prosper in the land.

I would that ye should do as I have done in remembering the Captivity of our fathers for they were ~~was~~ in bondage & none could deliver them except it were the God of Abraham & ^{the} God of Isaac & the God of Jacob & he surely did deliver them in their afflictions

²I would that ye should do as I have done, in remembering the **captivity** of our fathers; for they **were[X]** in bondage, **and none** could deliver them except it **was** the God of Abraham, **and the** God of Isaac, **and** the God of Jacob; **and** he surely did deliver them in their afflictions.

& now O my Son Helaman behold thou art in thy € Youth & therefore I beseech of thee that thou wilt hear my words & learn of me for I do know that whomesoever shall put hes trust in God shall be supported in their trials & their troubles & ^{their} afflictions & shall be lifted upp at the last day

³**And** now, O my son Helaman, behold, thou art in thy [] youth, **and** therefore, I beseech of thee that thou wilt hear my words **and** learn of me; for I do know that who[]soever shall put **their** trust in God shall be supported in their trials, **and** their troubles, **and[]their** afflictions, **and** shall be lifted u[]p at the last day.

& I would not that ye think that I know of myself not of the ^{temporal-but-of} ~~Carnal mind~~ but of ^{the-spiritual} ~~the-spiritual~~ temporal but of the spiritual not of the Carnal mind but of God

⁴**And** I would not that ye think that I know of myself—not of the [_ _ _ _ _ X X] [X X] [X X] [X X] temporal but of the spiritual, not of the **carnal** mind but of God.

now behold I say unto you if I had not been born of God I should **not** have known these things but God hath by the aouth of his holy Angel made these things known unto me not of any worthyness of myeelf

⁵**Now**, behold, I say unto you, if I had not been born of God I should **not** have known these things; but God has[], by the **mouth** of his holy **angel**, made these things known unto me, not of any **worthiness** of myself;

for I went about with the Sons of Mosiah seeking to deströoy the church of God but behold God sent his holy Angll to stop us by the way

⁶For I went about with the **sons** of Mosiah, seeking to destr[]oy the church of God; but behold, God sent his holy **angel** to stop us by the way.

& behold he spake unto us as it were the voice of thunder & the whole earth did tremble beneath ofr feet & we all fell to the earth for the fear of the Lord canee upon us

⁷**And** behold, he spake unto us, as it were the voice of thunder, **and** the whole earth did tremble beneath **our** feet; **and** we all fell to the earth, for the fear of the Lord **cam[]e** upon us.

but behold the voice said unto me arise & I arose & stoot ^{wp} & beheld the Angel

⁸But behold, the voice said unto me: **Arise. And I** arose **and stood up, and** beheld the **angel**.

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& he said unto me if thou wilt of thy self be destroyed seek no more to destroy the church of God

& it came to pass that I fell to the earth & it was for the space of three days & three nights that I could not open my mouth neith^{er}
his Son Helaman & C
had I the use of my limbs

the angel spake more things unoo me which were heard by my brethren but I did not hear them for when I heard the words if thou wilt be destroyed of thyself seek no more to destroy ~~be~~ the church of God I was struck with such great fear & amazement lest perhaps that I should be destroid that I fell to the earth & I did hear no more

but I was racked with Eternal torment for my soul was harrowed up to the greatest degree & racked with all my sins

yea I did remember all my sins & iniquities for which I was tormented with the pains of Hell yea I saw that I had rebelled against my God & that I had not kept his holy commandments

yea & I had murdered many of his Children or rathrr led them away unto destruction yea & in fine so great had been my in'iquities that the verry thoughts of coming into the presance of my God did rack my soul with inexpressible horror

O thought I that I could be bishshed c become extinct boah soul & boddy that I might not be brought to stand in the presance of my God to be judged of my deeds **262**

& now for three day & for three nights was I raked ever with the pain^s of a damned soul

& it came to pass that as I was thus racked with torment while I was harrowed up by the memory of my many sos behold I remembered also to have heard my father Propesy unto the People conc^rning the coming of one Jesus Christ a Son of God to atone for the sins of the world

now as my mind caghe^d hold upon this thought I ^{cri^d within my heart} O Jesus thou Son of God have mercy on me who are in the gaul of bitterness & art enscerled about by the everlastiong chains of death

⁹**And** he said unto me: **If** thou wilt of thy []self be destroyed, seek no more to destroy the church of God.

¹⁰**And** it came to pass that I fell to the earth; **and** it was for the space of three days **and** three nights that I could not open my mouth, **neither** [X_X_X_X]
had I the use of my limbs.

¹¹**And** the angel spake more things un**to** me, which were heard by my brethren, but I did not hear them; for when I heard the words—**If** thou wilt be destroyed of thyself, seek no more to destroy [X] the church of God—I was struck with such great fear **and** amazement lest perhaps [X] I should be **destroyed**, that I fell to the earth **and** I did hear no more.

¹²**But** I was racked with **e**ternal torment, for my soul was harrowed up to the greatest degree **and** racked with all my sins.

¹³**Yea**, I did remember all my sins **and** iniquities, for which I was tormented with the pains of **hell**; yea, I saw that I had rebelled against my God, **and** that I had not kept his holy commandments.

¹⁴**Yea**, **and** I had murdered many of his **children**, or rather led them away unto destruction; yea, **and** in fine so great had been my **iniquities**, that the ver[]y thought[] of coming into the **pre**sence of my God did rack my soul with **i**nexpressible horror.

¹⁵**Oh**, thought I, that I could be **banished and** become extinct **both** soul **and** bod[]y, that I might not be brought to stand in the **pre**sence of my God, to be judged of my deeds.

¹⁶**And** now, for three days **and** for three nights was I **racked, even** with the pain^s of a damned soul.

¹⁷**And** it came to pass that as I was thus racked with torment, while I was harrowed up by the memory of my many **sins**, behold, I remembered also to have heard my father **prop**hesy unto the **pe**ople **con**cerning the com[]ing of one Jesus Christ, a Son of God, to atone for the sins of the world.

¹⁸**Now**, as my mind **caught**[] hold upon this thought, I **cried within my heart**: O Jesus, thou Son of God, have mercy on me, who **am**[] in the gail of bitterness, **and am**[] encircled about by the everlasti[]ng chains of death.

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& I know that he will raise me up at the last day to dwell with him in everl yea & I will praise him forever for he hath brought our fathers out of Egypt & he hath swallowed up the Egyptians in the red Sea & he led them by his power into the promised land yea & he hath delivered them out of bondage & captivity from time to time

yea & he hath also brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem & he hath also by his everlasting power delivered them out of bondage & captivity from time to time even down to the present day & I have always retained in remembrance their captivity yea & ye also had ought to retain in remembrance as I have done their captivity

but Behold my Son this is not all for ye had ought to know as I **263** ~~and~~ do know that in as much as ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall Prosper in the land & ye had ought to know also that in as much as ye will not keep the commandments of God ye shall be cut off from his presance now this is acconting to his word

²⁸**And** I know t[]hat he will raise me up at the last day, to dwell with him in **glory**; yea, **and** I will praise him forever, for he has[] brought our fathers out of Egypt, **and** he has[] swallowed up the Egyptians in the **Red Sea**; **and** he led them by his power into the promised land; yea, **and** he has[] delivered them out of bondage **and** captivity from time to time.

²⁹**Yea, and** he has[] also brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem; **and** he has[] also, by his everlasting power, delivered them out of bondage **and** captivity, from time to time even down to the present day; **and** I have always retained in rememb[]rance their captivity; yea, **and** ye also [X] ought to retain in rememb[]rance, as I have done, their captivity.

³⁰**But** behold, my son, this is not all; for ye [X] ought to know as I [X] do know, that in[]as[]much as ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall prosper in the land; **and** ye [X] ought to know also, that in[]as[]much as ye will not keep the commandments of God ye shall be cut off from his presence. **Now** this is accord**ing** to his word.