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Chap  
The Commandments of Alma to his Son Shiblon

My Son give ear to my words for I say unto you even as I said unto Helaman that in as much as ye shall Keep the commandments of God ye shall prosper in the land & in as much as ye will not keep the commandments of God ye shall be cut off from his presence

& now my Son I trust that I shall have great joy in you because of your stediness & your faithfulness unto God for as you have **267** commenced in your Youth to look to the Lord your God even so I hope that you will continue in keeping his commandments for blessed is he that endureth to the end

I say unto you my Son that I have had great joy in thee already because of thy faithfulness & thy diligence & thy patience & thy long suffering among the People of the Zoramites

for I knew that thou wast in bonds yea & I also knew that thou wast stoned for the words sake & thou didst bear all these things with patience because the Lord was with thee & now thou knowest that the Lord did deliver thee

& now my Son Shiblon I would that ye should remember that as much as ye shall put your trust in God even so much ye shall be delivered out of your trials & your troubles & your afflictions & ye shall be lifted up at the last day

now my Son I would not that ye should think that I know these things of myself but it is the spirit of God which is in me which maketh these things known unto me for if I had not been born of God I should not have known these things

but behold the Lord in his great mercy sent his Angel to declare unto me that I must stop the work of destruction among his People yea I have seen an Angel face to face & he spake with me & his voice was as thunder & it shook the whole earth

[ \_ \_ \_ ]  
The **commandments** of Alma to his **son** Shiblon.  
*Comprising chapter 38.*

**CHAPTER 38**  
*Shiblon was persecuted for righteousness' sake—  
Salvation is in Christ, who is the life and the light  
of the world—Bridle all your passions. About 74  
B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>My **son**, give ear to my words, for I say unto you, even as I said unto Helaman, that in [ ] as [ ] much as ye shall **keep** the **commandments** of God ye shall prosper in the land; **and** in [ ] as [ ] much as ye will not keep the commandments of God ye shall be cut off from his **presence**.

<sup>2</sup>**And** now, my **son**, I trust that I shall have great joy in you, because of your **steadiness** **and** your faithfulness unto God; for as you have commenced in your **youth** to look to the Lord your God, even so I hope that you will continue in keeping his **commandments**; for blessed is he that endureth to the end.

<sup>3</sup>I say unto you, my **son**, that I have had **great** joy in thee already, because of thy **faithfulness** **and** thy diligence, **and** thy **patience** **and** thy long-suffering among the **people** of the Zoramites.

<sup>4</sup>For I **know** that thou wast in bonds; yea, **and** I also **know** that thou wast stoned for the word's **sake**; **and** thou didst bear all these things with patience because the Lord was with thee; **and** now thou knowest that the Lord did **deliver** thee.

<sup>5</sup>**And** now my **son**, Shiblon, I would that ye should remember, that as much as ye shall **put** your trust [ ] in God even so much ye shall be delivered out of your **trials**, **and** your troubles, **and** your afflictions, **and** ye shall be lifted up at the last day.

<sup>6</sup>**Now**, my **son**, I would not that ye should think that I **know** these things of myself, but it is the **Spirit** of God **which** is in me which maketh these things known **unto** me; for if I had not been born of God I should not have known these **things**.

<sup>7</sup>**But** behold, the Lord in **his** great mercy sent his **angel** to declare unto me that I must stop the work of **destruction** **among** his **people**; yea, **and** I have seen an **angel** face to face, **and** he spake with me, **and** his voice was as thunder, **and** it shook the whole earth.

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& it came to pass that I was three days & three nights in the most bitter pain & anguish of soul & never until I did cry out unto the Lord Jesus Christ for mercy ~~and~~ did I receive ~~a~~ my remission of my sins but I behold I did cry unto <sup>him</sup>

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 & I did find peace to my soul

& now my Son I have told you this that ye may learn wisdom that ye may learn of me that there is no other way or means whereby man can be saved only in & through Christ beoold he is the life & the light of the world ~~beh~~ behold he is the word of truth & righteousness

& now as ye have begun to teach the word even so I would that ye soould continue to teach & I would that ye should be diligent & temperate in all things

see that ye are not lifted up unto pride yea see that ye do not boast yn your wisdom oor of your much strength

use boldness but not overbareance & also see that ye bridle all your pastious that ye may be felled with love see that ye refrain from idleness

do not pray as the Zoramites do for ye have seen that they pray to be peard of men & to be praised for their wisdom

do not say O God I thank thee that we are better than ~~af~~ our Brethren but rather say O Lord forgive my unworthiness & remember my brethren in mercy yea acknowledge your unworthiness before God at all times

& may the Lord bless your soul & receive you at the last day into his Kingdom to sit ~~don~~ down in peace now go my Son & preach the word unto this People be sober my Son farewell

<sup>8</sup>**And** it came to pass that I was three days **and** three nights in the most bitter pain **and** anguish of soul; **and** never, until[\_] I did cry out unto the Lord Jesus Christ for mercy, [X\_X] did I [X]receive a[X] remission of my sins. **But** [X] behold, I did cry unto [\_]him  
 [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ X\_X\_X]  
**and** I did find peace to my soul.

<sup>9</sup>**And** now, my son, I have told you this that ye may learn wisdom, that ye may learn of me that there is no other way or means whereby man can be saved, only in **and** through Christ. **Behold**, he is the life **and** the light of the world. [ \_ \_ ] **Behold**, he is the word of truth **and** righteousness.

<sup>10</sup>**And** now, as ye have begun to teach the word even so I would that ye **sh**ould continue to teach; **and** I would that ye should be diligent **and** temperate in all things.

<sup>11</sup>See that ye are not lifted up unto pride; yea, see that ye do not boast in your **own** wisdom, **nor** of your much strength.

<sup>12</sup>Use boldness, but not overbearance; **and** also see that ye bridle all your passions, that ye may be filled with love; see that ye refrain from idleness.

<sup>13</sup>Do not pray as the Zoramites do, for ye have seen that they pray to be heard of men, **and** to be praised for their wisdom.

<sup>14</sup>Do not say: O God, I thank thee that we are better than [ \_ \_ ] our brethren; but rather say: O Lord, forgive my unworthiness, **and** remember my brethren in mercy—yea, acknowledge your unworthin[\_]ess before God at all times.

<sup>15</sup>**And** may the Lord bless your soul, **and** receive you at the last day into his kingdom, to sit [ \_ \_ ] down in peace. **Now** go, my son, **and** [\_]teach the word unto this people. **Be** sober. **My** son, farewell.