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The Commandments of Alma to his Son Corianton

Chap.

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for thou didst not give so much head unto my words as did thy Brother among the People of the Zoramites now this is what I have against thee thou didst go on unto boasting in thy strength & thy wisdom

& this is not all my Son thou didst do that which was grievous unto me for thou didst for sake the ministry & did go over into the land of Siron among the borders of the Lamanites after the Harlot Iasbel

yea she did seal away the hearts of many but this was no excuse for the my Son thou shouldst have tended to the ministry where with thou wast entrusted

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fore behold if ye deny the Holy Ghost when its once hath had place in you & ye ~~ne~~ know that ye deny it behold this is a sin which is unpardonable yea & & whosoever murdereth against the light & knowledge of God it is not easy for him to obtain forgiveness yea I say unto you my Son that it is not easy for him to ~~obtein~~ obtreire a forgiveness

& now my Son I would to God that ye had not been guilty of so great a crime I would not dwell upon your crimes ^hto harrow up your ~~er~~ Soul if it were not for yorr good

The **commandments** of Alma to his **son** Corianton. *Comprising chapters 39 through 42.*

CHAPTER 39 [_ _ _ _]

Sexual sin is an abomination—Corianton’s sins kept the Zoramites from receiving the word—Christ’s redemption is retroactive in saving the faithful who preceded it. About 74 B.C.

¹And now, my **son**, I have somewhat more to say unto thee **than** what I said unto thy **brother**[]; for **behold**, have ye not observed the **steadiness** of thy **brother**[], his faithfulness, **and** his **diligence** in keeping the commandments **of** God? **Behold**, has he not set a good example for the^e?

²For thou didst not give so much **heed** unto my words as did thy **brother**, among the **people** of the Zoramites. **Now** this is what I have against thee; thou didst go on unto boasting in thy strength **and** thy wisdom.

³**And** this is not all, my **son**. **Thou didst** do that which was **griev**[]ous unto me; for thou didst for []sake the ministry, **and** did go over into the land of Siron among the borders of the Lamanites, after the **harlot Isabel**.

⁴**Yea**, she did **steal** away the hearts of many; but this was no excuse for the^e, my **son**. **Thou shouldst** have tended to the ministry where []with thou wast entrusted.

⁵**Know** ye not, my **son**, that these things are an abomination in the sight of the Lord; yea, most abominable above all sins save it be the [_ _ _ _ _] **shedding** of **innocent** blood or denying the Holy Ghost?

⁶For [] **behold**, if ye deny the Holy Ghost when it [] once has [] had place in you, **and** ye [**X**] know that ye deny it, **behold**, this is a sin which is unpardonable; yea, [**X**] **and** whosoever murdereth against the **light and** knowledge of God, it is not easy for him to obtain forgiveness; yea, I say unto you, my **son**, that it is not easy for him to [_ _ _ _ _] **obtain**[] a forgiveness.

⁷**And** now, my **son**, I would to God that ye had not been guilty of so great a crime. I would not **dwell** upon your crimes, []to harrow up your [_] **soul**, if it were not for your **good**.

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but behold ye cannot hide your crimes from God & except ye repent they will stand as a testimony against you at the last day

now my Son I would that ye should repent & forsake your Sins & go no more after the lusts of your eyes but cross your self in all these things for except ye do this ye can in no wise inherit the Kingdom of God O remember & take it upon you & cross yourself in these things

& I command you to take it upon you to counsel your elder brothers in your undertakings for Behold thou art in thy Youth & ye stand in need to be nourished by your Brothers & give heed to their Counsel

suffer not yourself to be led away by any fooling of foolish thing suffer not that the Devil lead away your heart again after those whicked harlots behold O my Son how great iniquity ye brought upon the Zoramites for when they saw your conduct they would not believe in my words

& now the spirit of the Lord doth say unto me command thy children to do good lest they lead away the hearts of many People to destruction therefore I command you my Son in the fear of God that ye refrain from your iniquities

that ye turn to the Lord with all your mind might & strength that ye lead away the hearts of no more to do wickedly but rather return unto them & acknowledge your faults & repair that wrong which ye have done

seek not after riches nor the vain things of this world for behold you cannot come them with you

& now my Son I would say somewhat unto you concerning the coming ²⁶⁹ of Christ behold I say unto you that it is him that surely shall come to take away the sins of the world he cometh to declare glad tidings of salvation unto his People

& now my Son this was the ministry unto which ye were called to declare these glad tidings unto this People to prepare their minds or rather that Salvation might come unto them that they may prepare the minds of ~~his~~ their Children to hear the word at the time of his coming

⁸But behold, ye cannot hide your crimes from God; **and** except ye repent they will stand as a testimony against you at the last day.

⁹Now my son, I would that ye should repent **and** forsake your sins, **and** go no more after the lusts of your eyes, but cross your self in all these things; for except ye do this ye can in no wise inherit the kingdom of God. **Oh**, remember, **and** take it upon you, **and** cross yourself in these things.

¹⁰**And** I command you to take it upon you to counsel **with** your elder brothers in your undertakings; for **behold**, thou art in thy youth, **and** ye stand in need to be nourished by your brothers. **And** give heed to their counsel.

¹¹Suffer not yourself to be led away by any vain or foolish thing; suffer not **[X]** the devil to lead away your heart again after those wicked harlots. **Behold**, O my son, how great iniquity ye brought upon the Zoramites; for when they saw your conduct they would not believe in my words.

¹²**And** now the Spirit of the Lord doth say unto me: **Command** thy children to do good, lest they lead away the hearts of many people to destruction; therefore I command you, my son, in the fear of God, that ye refrain from your iniquities;

¹³That ye turn to the Lord with all your mind, might, **and** strength; that ye lead away the hearts of no more to do wickedly; but rather return unto them, **and** acknowledge your faults **and** **[X]** that wrong which ye have done.

¹⁴Seek not after riches nor the vain things of this world; for behold, you cannot **carry** them with you.

¹⁵**And** now, my son, I would say somewhat unto you concerning the coming of Christ. **Behold**, I say unto you, that it is he that surely shall come to **take** away the sins of the world; **yea**, he cometh to declare glad tidings of salvation unto his people.

¹⁶**And** now, my son, this was the ministry unto which ye were called, to declare these glad tidings unto this people, to prepare their minds; or rather that salvation might come unto them, that they may prepare the minds of **[X]** their children to hear the word at the time of his coming.

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¹⁷And now I will ease your mind somewhat on this subject. Behold, you marvel why these things should be known so long beforehand. Behold, I say unto you, is not a soul at this time as precious unto God as a soul will be at the time of his coming?

¹⁸Is it not as necessary that the plan of redemption should be made known unto this people as well as unto their children?

¹⁹Is it not as easy at this time for the Lord to send his angel to declare these glad tidings unto us as unto our children, or as after the time of his com[]ing?