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Chapter

The words of^{which} Jacob the Brother of Nephi spake unto the People of Nephi after the death of Nephi

now my beloved Brethren I Jacob according to the responsibility which I am under to God to magnify mine Office with soberness & that I might rid my garments of your sins I come up into the temple this day that I might declare unto you the word of God

& ye yourselves know that I have hitherto been diligent in the office of my calling but I this day am weighed down with much more desire & anxiety for the welfare of your souls than I^{have} hitherto been

for behold as yet ye have been obedient unto the word of the Lord which I have given unto you

but behold hearken ye unto me & know that by the help of the allpowerful creator of heaven & earth I can tell you concerning your thoughts how that ye are beginning to labour in Sin which sin appeareth verry abominable unto me yea & abominable unto God

yea & it grieveth my soul & causeth me to shrink with shame before the presance of my maker that I must testify unto you concerning the wickedness of your hearts

& also it grieveth me that I must use so much boldness of speach concerning you e before your wives & your Children many of whose feelings are exceding tender & chaste & delicate before God which thing is pleasing unto God

& it supposeth me that **97** they have come up hither to hear the pleasing word of God yea the word which healeth the wounded soul

CHAPTER 2 [X]

Jacob denounces the love of riches, pride, and unchastity—Men may seek riches to help their fellowmen—The Lord commands that no man among the Nephites may have more than one wife—The Lord delights in the chastity of women. About 544–421 B.C.

¹The words **[X]** which Jacob, the brother of Nephi, spake unto the people of Nephi, after the death of Nephi:

²Now, my beloved brethren, I, Jacob, according to the responsibility which I am under to God, to magnify mine office with soberness, **and** that I might rid my garments of your sins, I come up into the temple this day that I might declare unto you the word of God.

³**And** ye yourselves know that I have hitherto been diligent in the office of my calling; but I this day am weighed down with much more desire **and** anxiety for the well[]fare of your souls than I[]**have** hitherto been.

⁴For behold, as yet, ye have been obedient unto the word of the Lord, which I have given unto you.

⁵But behold, hearken ye unto me, **and** know that by the help of the all-powerful Creator of heaven **and** earth I can tell you concerning your thoughts, how that ye are beginning to labo[]r in sin, which sin appeareth ver[]y abominable unto me, yea, **and** abominable unto God.

⁶Yea, **[X]** it grieveth my soul **and** causeth me to shrink with shame before the presence of my Maker, that I must testify unto you concerning the wickedness of your hearts.

⁷**And** also it grieveth me that I must use so much boldness of spee[]ch concerning you, [] before your wives **and** your children, many of whose feelings are excedingly tender **and** chaste **[X]** **and** delicate before God, which thing is pleasing unto God;

⁸**And** it supposeth me that they have come up hither to hear the pleasing word of God, yea, the word which healeth the wounded soul.

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wherefore it burdeneth my soul that I should be constrained because of the strict commandment which I have received from God to admonish you according to your crimes to enlarge the wounds of those which are already wounded instead of consoling & healing their wounds & those which have not been wounded instead of feasting upon the pleasing word of God have daggers placed to pierce their souls & wound their delicate minds

but notwithstanding the greatness of the task I must do according to the strict commands of God & tell you concerning your wickedness & abominations in the presence of the pure in heart & the broken heart & under the glance of the piercing eye of the Almighty God

wherefore I must tell you the truth according to the plainness of the word of God for behold as I enquired of the Lord thus came the word unto me saying Jacob get thou up into the temple on the morrow & declare the words which I shall give thee unto this People

& now behold my Brethren this is the word which I declare unto you that many of you have begun to search for Gold & for Silver & all manner of precious ores in the which this land which is a land of promise unto you & to your seed doth abound most plentifully

& the hand of providence hath smiled upon you most pleasingly that ye have obtained many riches & because that some of you have obtained more abundantly than that of your Brethren ye are lifted up in the pride of your hearts & wear stiff necks & high heads because of the costliness of your apparel & persecute your Brethren because that ye suppose that ye are better than they

& now my Brethren do ye suppose that God Justifieth you in this thing behold I say unto you nay but he condemneth you & if ye persist in these things his Judgments must speedily come unto you

O that he would show you that he can pierce you & with one glance of his eye he can smite you to the dust

O that he would rid you from this iniquity & abomination & O that ye would listen unto the word of his commands & let not this pride of your hearts destroy your souls

⁹Wherefore, it burdeneth my soul that I should be constrained, because of the strict commandment which I have received from God, to admonish you according to your crimes, to enlarge the wounds of those **who** are already wounded, instead of consoling **and** healing their wounds; **and** those **who** have not been wounded, instead of feasting upon the pleasing word of God have daggers placed to pierce their souls **and** wound their delicate minds.

¹⁰But, notwithstanding the greatness of the task, I must do according to the **[]**strict commands of God, **and** tell you concerning your wickedness **and** abominations, in the presence of the pure in heart, **and** the broken heart, **and** under the glance of the **piercing** eye of the Almighty God.

¹¹Wherefore, I must tell you the **truth** according to the plainness of the word of God. **F**or behold, as I inquired of the Lord, thus came the word unto me, saying: Jacob, get thou up into the temple on the morrow, **and** declare the word **[]** which I shall give thee unto this **people**.

¹²**And** now behold, my **brethren**, this is the word which I declare unto you, that many of you have begun to search for **gold**, **and** for **silver**, **and for** all **manner** of precious ores, in the which this **land**, which is a land of promise unto **you and to your seed**, doth abound most plentifully.

¹³**And** the hand of providence hath **smiled upon** you most pleasingly, that **you** have obtained many riches; **and** because **[X]** some of you have obtained more abundantly **than** that of your **brethren** ye are lifted up in the pride of your hearts, **and** wear stiff necks **and** high heads because of the costliness of your appar**[]el []**, **and** persecute your **brethren** because **[X]** ye suppose that ye are better **than** they.

¹⁴**And** now, my **brethren**, do ye suppose that God **justifieth you in this thing?** **B**ehold, I say unto you, **Nay**. **B**ut he condemneth you, **and** if ye persist in these things his **j**udgments must speedily come unto you.

¹⁵O that he would show you that he can pierce you, **and** with one glance of his eye he can smite you to the dust!

¹⁶O that he would rid you from this iniquity **and** abomination. **And**, O that ye would listen unto the word of his commands, **and** let not this pride of your hearts destroy your souls!

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think of your Brethren like to yourselves & be familiar with all & free with your substance that they may be rich like unto you

but before that ye seek for riches seek ye for the Kingdom of God

& after that ye have obtained a hope in Christ ye shall obtain riches if ye seek them & ye will ^{s^{seek}}seek them for the intent to do good to clothe the naked & to feed the hungry & to liberate the captive & administer relief to the sick & the afflicted

& now my Brethren I have spoken unto you concerning pride & those of you which have afflicted your neighbor & persecuted him because that ye were proud in your hearts of the things which God hath given you what say ye of it

do ye not suppose that such things are abominable unto him who created all ~~things~~ flesh & the one being is as precious in his sight as the ^{oth} other & all flesh is of the dust & for the self same end hath he created them that they ⁹⁸ should keep his commandments & glorify him forever

& now I make an end of speaking unto you concerning this pride & were it not that I must speak unto you concerning a grosser crime my heart would rejoice exceedingly because of you

but the word of God burthens me because of your grosser crimes for behold thus saith the Lord this People begineth to wax in iniquity they understand not the Scriptures for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms because of the things which are written concerning David & Solomon his Son

behold David & Solomon truly had many wives & concubines which thing was abominable before me saith the Lord

wherefore thus saith the Lord I have lead this People forth out of the land of Jerusalem by the power of mine arm that I might raise up unto me a righteous branch from the fruit of the loins of Joseph

wherefore I the Lord God will not suffer that this People shall do like unto them of Old

¹⁷Think of your brethren like unto yourselves, and be familiar with all and free with your substance, that they may be rich like unto you.

¹⁸But before [X] ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God.

¹⁹And after [X] ye have obtained a hope in Christ ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them; and ye will []seek[] them for the intent to do good—to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted.

²⁰And now, my brethren, I have spoken unto you concerning pride; and those of you which have afflicted your neighbor, and persecuted him because [X] ye were proud in your hearts, of the things which God hath given you, what say ye of it?

²¹Do ye not suppose that such things are abominable unto him who created all [X] flesh? And the one being is as precious in his sight as the [] other. And all flesh is of the dust; and for the self[] same end hath he created them, that they should keep his commandments and glorify him forever.

²²And now I make an end of speaking unto you concerning this pride. And were it not that I must speak unto you concerning a grosser crime, my heart would rejoice [] exceedingly because of you.

²³But the word of God burd[]ens me because of your grosser crimes. For behold, thus saith the Lord: This people begineth to wax in iniquity; they understand not the scriptures, for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms, because of the things which were written concerning David, and Solomon his son.

²⁴Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord.

²⁵Wherefore, thus saith the Lord, I have le[]d this people forth out of the land of Jerusalem, by the power of mine arm, that I might raise up unto me a righteous branch from the fruit of the loins of Joseph.

²⁶Wherefore, I the Lord God will not suffer that this people shall do like unto them of old.

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wherefore my Brethren hear me & hearken to the word of the Lord for there shall not any ~~man~~^{man} among you have save it be one wife & concubines he shall have none

for I the Lord God delighteth in the chastity of women & whoredoms is a bomination before me thus saith the Lord of hosts

wherefore this People shall keep my commandments saith the Lord of hosts or cursed be the land for their sakes

for if I will saith the Lord of hosts raise up seed unto me I will command my People otherwise they shall hearken unto these things

for behold I the Lord have seen the sorrow & heard the mourning of the daughters of my People in the land of Jerusalem yea & in all the lands of my People because of the wickedness & abominations of their husbands

& I will not suffer saith the Lord of hosts that the cries of the fair daughters of this People which I have lead out of the land of Jerusalem shall come up unto me against the men of my People saith the Lord of hosts

for they shall not lead away captive the daughters of my People because of their tenderness save I shall visit them with a sore curse even unto destruction for they shall not commit whoredoms uke unto they of old saith the Lord of hosts

& now behold my Brethren ye know that these commandments was given to our father Lehi wherefore ye have known them before & ye have come unto great condemnation for ye have done these things which ye ought not to have done

behold ye have done greater iniquity then the Lamanites our Brethren ye have broken the hearts of your tender wives & lost the confidence of your Children because of your bad examples before them & the sobings of their hearts ascendeth up to God against you & because of the strictness of the word of God which cometh down against you many hearts died pierced with deep wounds

²⁷Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any []man[] among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none;

²⁸For I, the Lord God, delight [] in the chastity of women. And whoredoms are an a [] bomination [] before me; thus saith the Lord of Hosts.

²⁹Wherefore, this people shall keep my commandments, saith the Lord of Hosts, or cursed be the land for their sakes.

³⁰For if I will, saith the Lord of Hosts, raise up seed unto me, I will command my people; otherwise they shall hearken unto these things.

³¹For behold, I, the Lord, have seen the sorrow, and heard the mourning of the daughters of my people in the land of Jerusalem, yea, and in all the lands of my people, because of the wickedness and abominations of their husbands.

³²And I will not suffer, saith the Lord of Hosts, that the cries of the fair daughters of this people, which I have le [] d out of the land of Jerusalem, shall come up unto me against the men of my people, saith the Lord of Hosts.

³³For they shall not lead away captive the daughters of my people because of their tenderness, save I shall visit them with a sore curse, even unto destruction; for they shall not commit whoredoms, like unto them of old, saith the Lord of Hosts.

³⁴And now behold, my brethren, ye know that these commandments were given to our father, Lehi; wherefore, ye have known them before; and ye have come unto great condemnation; for ye have done these things which ye ought not to have done.

³⁵Behold, ye have done greater iniquities than the Lamanites, our brethren. Ye have broken the hearts of your tender wives, and lost the confidence of your children, because of your bad examples before them; and the sobbings of their hearts ascend [] up to God against you. And because of the strictness of the word of God, which cometh down against you, many hearts died, pierced with deep wounds.