

Chapter

And now it came to pass that when King Benjamin had made an end of speaking the ~~we~~ words ~~eds~~ **124** which had been delivered unto him by the Angel of the Lord that he cast his eyes round about on the multitude & behold they had fell to the earth for the fear of the Lord had come upon them

& they had viewed themselves in their own carnal states even less then the dust of the earth & they all cried aloud with one voice saying O have mercy & apply the atoneing blood that we Christ that we may receive forgiveness of our Sins & our hearts may be purified for we believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God who created heaven & earth & all things who shall come down among the children of men

& it came to pass that after they had spoken these words the spirit of the Lord came upon them & they were filled with Joy haveing received a remission of their sins & having peace of conscience because of the exceding faith which they had in Jesus Christ which should come according to the words which King Benjamin had spoken unto them

& King Benjanim again opened his mouth & began to speak unto them saying my friends & my Brethren my kindred & my People I would again call your attention that ye may hear & understand the remainder of my words which I shall speak unto you

for behold that if the knowledge of the goodness of God at this time hath awakened you to a sense of your nothingness & your worthlessness & fallen state

CHAPTER 4 [X]

King Benjamin continues his address—Salvation comes because of the Atonement—Believe in God to be saved—Retain a remission of your sins through faithfulness—Impart of your substance to the poor—Do all things in wisdom and order. About 124 B.C.

¹And now, it came to pass that when king Benjamin had made an end of speaking the [_]words[_ _] which had been delivered unto him by the **angel** of the Lord, that he cast his eyes round about on the multitude, **and** behold they had **fallen** to the earth, for the fear of the Lord had come upon them.

²**And** they had viewed themselves in their own carnal state[_], even less **than** the dust of the earth. **And** they all cried aloud with one voice, saying: O have mercy, **and** apply the aton[_]ing blood **[X]** of Christ that we may receive forgiveness of our **sins, and** our hearts may be purified; for we believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who created heaven **and** earth, **and** all things; who shall come down among the children of men.

³**And** it came to pass that after they had spoken these words the **Spirit** of the Lord came upon them, **and** they were filled with joy, hav[_]ing received a remission of their sins, **and** having peace of conscience, because of the **exceeding** faith which they had in Jesus Christ **who** should come, according to the words which **king** Benjamin had spoken unto them.

⁴**And** king Benjamin again opened his mouth **and** began to speak unto them, saying: **My** friends **and** my **brethren**, my kindred **and** my **people**, I would again call your attention, that ye may hear **and** understand the remainder of my words which I shall speak unto you.

⁵For behold, **[X]** if the knowledge of the goodness of God at this time has[_] awakened you to a sense of your nothingness, **and** your worthless[_ _ _] **and** fallen state—

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I say unto you that if ye have come to a ~~know~~^{a knowledge} ~~wedge~~ of the goodness of God & his matchless power & his wisdom & his patience & his ~~glory~~ long suffering towards the children of men & also the atonement which hath been ~~propheied from~~ prepared from the foundation of the world that thereby salvation might come to him that should put his trust in the Lord & should be diligent in keeping his commandments & continue in the faith even unto the end of his life I mean the life of the mortal body

I say that this is the man that receiveth Salvation through the atonement which was prepared from the foundation of the world for all mankind which ever was ever since the fall of Adam or which is or which ever shall be even unto the end of the world

& this is the means whereby salvation cometh & there is none other salvation save this which hath been spoken of neither is there any conditions whereby man can be saved except the conditions which I have told you

believe in believe that he is & that he created all things both in heaven & in earth believe that he hath all wisdom & all power both in heaven & in earth believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend

& again believe that ye must repent of your sins & forsake them & humble yourselves before God & ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you & now if you believe ^{all} these things see that ye do them

& again I ~~aga~~^{say} unto you as I have said before that as ye have come to the knowledge of the glory of God or if ye have known of his goodness & have tasted of his love & have received a remission of your Sins which causeth such exceeding Jreat Joy in your souls even so I would that ye should remember & always retain in remembrance the greatness of God & your own nothingness & his goodness & long suffering towards you unworthy cretures & humble yourselves even **125** in the debths of ~~humit~~^{humility} ~~ity~~ calling on the name of the Lord daily & standing stedfastly in the faith of that which is to come which was spoken by the mouth of the Angel

⁶I say unto you, **[X]** if ye have come to **[X_ _ _ _]a knowledge[_ _ _ _]** of the goodness of God, **and** his matchless power, **and** his wisdom, **and** his patience, **and** his **[X]** long-suffering towards the children of men; **and** also, the atonement which has **[]** been **[X_X]** prepared from the foundation of the world, that thereby salvation might come to him that should put his trust in the Lord, **and** should be diligent in keeping his commandments, **and** continue in the faith even unto the end of his life, I mean the life of the mortal body—

⁷I say, that this is the **man** who receiveth **salvation**, through the atonement which was prepared from the foundation of the world for all mankind, which ever **were [X]** since the fall of Adam, or **who are**, or **who** ever shall be, even unto the end of the world.

⁸**And** this is the means whereby salvation cometh. **And** there is none other salvation save this which hath been spoken of; neither **are** there any conditions whereby man can be saved except the conditions which I have told you.

⁹**Believe in God**; believe that he is, **and** that he created all things, both in heaven **and** in earth; believe that he has **[]** all wisdom, **and** all power, both in heaven **and** in earth; believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend.

¹⁰**And** again, believe that ye must repent of your sins **and** forsake them, **and** humble yourselves before God; **and** ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you; **and** now, if you believe **all** these things see that ye do them.

¹¹**And** again I **[_ _]say** unto you as I have said before, that as ye have come to the knowledge of the glory of God, or if ye have known of his goodness **and** have tasted of his love, **and** have received a remission of your **sins**, which causeth such exceedingly **great joy** in your souls, even so I would that ye should remember, **and** always retain in rememb **[]**rance, the greatness of God, **and** your own nothingness, **and** his goodness **and** long-suffering towards you, unworthy **creatures**, **and** humble yourselves even in the **dep**ths of **[_ _ _ _]humility[_ _ _ _]**, calling on the name of the Lord daily, **and** standing **stead**fastly in the faith of that which is to come, which was spoken by the mouth of the **angel**.

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& behold I say unto you that if ye do this ye shall always rejoice & be filled with the love of God & always retain a remission of your sins & ye shall grow in the knowledge ^{of the glory} of him who created you or in the knowledge of that which is Just & true

& ye will not have a mind to injure one another but to live peaceably & to render to every man according to that which is his due

& ye will not suffer your children that they go hungry or naked neither will ye suffer that they transgress the laws of God & fight & quarrel one with another & save the Devil which is the master of sin or which is the evil spirit which hath been spoken of by our fathers he being an enemy to all righteousness

but ye will teach them to walk in the ways of truth & soberness ye will teach them to love one another & to serve one another

& also ye yourselves will succor those that stand in need of your succor ye will administer of your substance unto him that standeth in need & ye will not suffer that the beggar putteth up his petition to you in vain & turn him out to perish

perhaps thou shalt say the man hath brought upon himself his misery therefore I will stay my hand & will not give unto him of my food nor impart unto him of my substance that he may not suffer for his punishments are just

but I say unto you O man whosoever do^th this the same hath great cause to repent & except he repenteth of that which he hath done he perisheth forever & hath no interest in the kingdom of God

for behold are we not all beggars do we not all depend upon the same being even God for all the substance which we have for both food & rament & for gold & for silver & for all the riches which we have of every kind

& behold even at this time ye have been calling on his name & begging for a remission of your sins & hath he suffered that ye have begged in vain nay he ~~th~~hath poured out his spirit upon you & ^{hath} caused that your hearts should be filled with joy & hath caused that your mouths should be stoped that ye could not find utterance so exceeding great was your joy

¹²**And** behold, I say unto you that if ye do this ye shall always rejoice, **and** be filled with the love of God, **and** always retain a remission of your sins; **and** ye shall grow in the knowledge **of the glory** of him **that** created you, or in the knowledge of that which is **just and** true.

¹³**And** ye will not have a mind to injure one another, but to live peaceably, **and** to render to every man according to that which is his due.

¹⁴**And** ye will not suffer your children that they go hungry, or naked; neither will ye suffer that they transgress the laws of God, **and** fight **and** quarrel one with another, **and** serve the devil, **who** is the master of sin, or **who** is the evil spirit which hath been spoken of by our fathers, he being an enemy to all righteousness.

¹⁵**But** ye will teach them to walk in the ways of truth **and** soberness; ye will teach them to love one another, **and** to serve one another.

¹⁶**And** also, ye yourselves will succor those that stand in need of your succor; ye will administer of your substance unto him that standeth in need; **and** ye will not suffer that the beggar putteth up his petition to you in vain, **and** turn him out to perish.

¹⁷Perhaps thou shalt say: **The man has[]** brought upon himself his mise[]ry; therefore I will stay my hand, **and** will not give unto him of my food, nor impart unto him of my substance that he may not suffer, for his punishments are just—

¹⁸**But** I say unto you, O man, whosoever doeth this the same hath great cause to repent; **and** except he repenteth of that which he hath done he perisheth forever, **and** hath no interest in the kingdom of God.

¹⁹**For** behold, are we not all beggars? **Do** we not all depend upon the same **Being**, even God, for all the substance which we have, for both food **and** raiment, **and** for gold, **and** for silver, **and** for all the riches which we have of every kind?

²⁰**And** behold, even at this time, ye have been calling on his name, **and** begging for a remission of your sins. **And** has[] he suffered that ye have begged in[]vain? **Nay**; he []has[] poured out his **Spirit** upon you, **and** has[] caused that your hearts should be filled with joy, **and** has[] caused that your mouths should be stopped that ye could not find utterance, so exceeding^{ly} great was your joy.

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& now if God who hath created you on whom you are dependant for your lives & for all that ye have & are doth grant unto you whatsoever ye ask that is right in faith believeing that ye shall receive O then how had ye ought to impart of the substance that ye have one to another

& if ye Judge the man who puteth up his petition to you for your substance that he perish not & condemn him how much more just will be your condemnation for withholding your substance which doth not belong to you but to God to whom also your life belongeth & yet ye put up no petition or repenteth not of the thing which thou hast done

I say unto you wo be unto that man for his substance shall perish with him & now I say these things unto those which are rich as pertaining to the things of this world

& again I say unto the poor ye that ~~ha~~^{have} ye not & yet hath sufficient that ye remain from day to day I mean all you that deny the beggar because ye have **126** not I would that ye say in your hearts that I give not because I have not but if I had I would give

& now if ye say this in your hearts ye remain guiltless otherwise ye are condemned & your condemnation is just for ye covet that which he have not received

& now for the sake of these things which I have spoken unto you that is for the sake of retaining a remission of your sins from day to day that ye may walk guiltless before God I would that ye should impart of your substance to the poor every man according to that which he hath such as feeding the hungry clothing the naked visiting the sick & administering to their relief both spiritually & temporally according to their wants

& see that all these things are done in wisdom & order for it is not requisite that a man should run faster then what he hath strength & again it is expediant that he should be diligent that thereby be might win the prize therefore all things must be done in order

²¹**And** now, if God, who has created you, on whom you are dependent for your lives **and** for all that ye have **and** are, doth grant unto you whatsoever ye ask that is right, in faith, believing that ye shall receive, O then, how **[X]** ye ought to impart of the substance that ye have one to another.

²²**And** if ye **j**udge the man who putteth up his petition to you for your substance that he perish not, **and** condemn him, how much more just will be your condemnation for withholding your substance, which doth not belong to you but to God, to whom also your life belongeth; **and** yet ye put up no petition, **nor** repent**[_ _] [X]** of the thing which thou hast done.

²³I say unto you, wo be unto that man, for his substance shall perish with him; **and** now, I say these things unto those **who** are rich as pertaining to the things of this world.

²⁴**And** again, I say unto the poor, ye **who** **[_ _]have[_ _]** not **and** yet have sufficient, that ye remain from day to day; I mean all you **who** deny the beggar, because ye have not; I would that ye say in your hearts that: I give not because I have not, but if I had I would give.

²⁵**And** now, if ye say this in your hearts ye remain guiltless, otherwise ye are condemned; **and** your condemnation is just for ye covet that which **ye** have not received.

²⁶**And** now, for the sake of these things which I have spoken unto you—that is, for the sake of retaining a remission of your sins from day to day, that ye may walk guiltless before God—I would that ye should impart of your substance to the poor, every man according to that which he hath, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick **and** administering to their relief, both spiritually **and** temporally, according to their wants.

²⁷**And** see that all these things are done in wisdom **and** order; for it is not requisite that a man should run faster than **[X]** he has strength. **And** again, it is expedient that he should be diligent, that thereby he might win the prize; therefore, all things must be done in order.

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& I would that ye should remember that whosoever among you that borroweth of his neighbor should return the thing that he borroweth according as he doth agree or else thou shalt commit sin & perhaps thou shalt cause thy neighbour to commit sin also

& finally I cannot tell you all the things whereby ye may commit sin for there are divers ways & means even so many that I cannot number them

but this much I can tell you that if ye do not watch yourselves & your thoughts & your words & your deeds & observe to keep the commandments of God & continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord even unto the end of your lives ye must perish & now ^o man remember & perish not——

²⁸**And** I would that ye should remember, that whosoever among you **[X]** borroweth of his neighbor should return the thing that he borroweth, according as he doth agree, or else thou shalt commit sin; **and** perhaps thou shalt cause thy neighbo**[]**r to commit sin also.

²⁹**And** finally, I cannot tell you all the things whereby ye may commit sin; for there are divers ways **and** means, even so many that I cannot number them.

³⁰**But** this much I can tell you, that if ye do not watch yourselves, **and** your thoughts, **and** your words, **and** your deeds, **and** observe **[X_X]** the commandments of God, **and** continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish. **And** now, **[_]** **O** man, remember, **and** perish not.**[_]**