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they did not believe what had been said concerning the resurrection of the dead neither did they believe concerning the coming of Christ

and now because of their unbelief they could not understand the word of God and their hearts were hardened

and they would not be baptised neither would they join the church and they were a separate people as to their faith and remained so ever after even in their carnal and sinful State for they would not call upon the Lord their God

and now in the reign of Mosiah they were not half so numerous as the people of God but because of the dissensions among the brethren they became more numerous

for it came to pass that they did deceive many with their flattering words which were in the church & did cause them to commit many sins therefore it became expedient that those who committed Sin that was in the church should be admonished by the church

and it came to pass that they were brought before the priests & delivered up unto the priests by the teachers & the priests brought them before Alma which ~~and the priests brought~~ was the high priest.

Now King Mosiah had given Alma the authority over the church

and it came to pass that Alma did know concerning them for there were many witnesses **159** against them yea the people stood & testified of their iniquity in abundance

CHAPTER 26

Many members of the Church are led into sin by unbelievers—Alma is promised eternal life—Those who repent and are baptized gain forgiveness—Church members in sin who repent and confess to Alma and to the Lord will be forgiven; otherwise, they will not be numbered among the people of the Church. About 120–100 B.C.

¹Now it came to pass that there **were** many of the rising generation that could not understand the words of **king** Benjamin, being little children at the time he spake unto his people; and they did not believe the tradition of their fathers.

²They did not believe what had been said concerning the resurrection of the dead, neither did they believe concerning the coming of Christ.

³And now because of their unbelief they could not understand the word of God; and their hearts were hardened.

⁴And they would not be baptized; neither would they join the church. **And** they were a **separate** people as to their faith, and remained so ever after, even in their carnal and sinful **state**; for they would not call upon the Lord their God.

⁵And now in the reign of Mosiah they were not half so numerous as the people of God; but because of the **dissensions** among the brethren **they** **became** more **numerous**.

⁶For it came to pass that they did deceive many with their **flattering** words, **who** were in the church, **and** did cause them to commit many sins; therefore it became expedient that those who committed **sin**, that **were** in the church, should be admonished by the church.

⁷And it came to pass that they were brought before the priests, **and** delivered up unto the priests by the teachers; **and** the priests brought them before Alma, **who** [X_X_X_ _ _ _ _ _] was the high priest.

⁸Now **king** Mosiah had given Alma the authority over the church.

⁹And it came to pass that Alma did **not** know concerning them; **but** there were many witnesses against them; yea, the people stood **and** testified of their iniquity in abundance.

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now there had not any such thing happened before in the church therefore Alma was troubled in his spirit & he caused that they should be brought before the King

& he saith unto the King behold here are many which we have brought before thee which are accused of their brethren yea & they have been taken in divers iniquities and they do not repent of their iniquities therefore we have brought them before thee that thou may judge them according to their crimes

but, King Mosiah saith unto Alma behold I judge them not therefore I deliver them into thy hands to be judged

and now the spirit of Alma was again troubled and he went & enquired of the Lord what he should do concerning this matter for he feared that he should do wrong in the sight of God

& it came to pass that after he had poured out his whole Soul to God the voice of the Lord came to him saying

blessed art thou Alma & blessed are they which were baptised in the waters of Mormon thou art ~~in~~ blessed because of thy exceeding faith in the words alone of my servant ~~Aminadi~~ Abinadi

and blessed are they because of their Exceeding faith in the words alone which thou hast spoken unto them

& blessed art thou because thou hast established a church among this people & they shall be established & they shall be my people

yea blessed is this people which is willing to bear my name for in my shall they called & they are mine

& because thou hast enquired of me concerning the transgressor ~~of~~ thou art blessed

thou art my servant and I covenant with thee that thou shalt have eternal life and thou shalt serve me & go forth in my name & shall gather together my sheep

& he that will hear my voice shall be my sheep & him shall ye receive into the church & him will I also receive

¹⁰Now there had not any such thing happened before in the church; therefore Alma was troubled in his spirit, **and** he caused that they should be brought before the **king**.

¹¹**And** he said[_] unto the **king**: Behold, here are many **whom** we have brought before thee, **who** are accused of their brethren; yea, **and** they have been taken in divers iniquities. **And** they do not repent of their iniquities; therefore we have brought them before thee, that thou may**est** judge them according to their crimes.

¹²**But**[_] **king** Mosiah said[_] unto Alma: Behold, I judge them not; therefore I deliver them into thy hands to be judged.

¹³**And** now the spirit of Alma was again troubled; and he went **and** inquired of the Lord what he should do concerning this matter, for he feared that he should do wrong in the sight of God.

¹⁴**And** it came to pass that after he had poured out his whole **soul** to God, the voice of the Lord came to him, saying:

¹⁵**Blessed** art thou, Alma, **and** blessed are they **who** were baptised in the waters of Mormon. Thou art [**X**] **blessed** because of thy **exceeding** faith in the words alone of my servant [**X**] Abinadi.

¹⁶**And** **blessed** are they because of their **exceeding** faith in the words alone which thou hast spoken unto them.

¹⁷**And** **blessed** art thou because thou hast established a church among this people; **and** they shall be established, **and** they shall be my people.

¹⁸**Yea**, blessed is this people **who are** willing to bear my name; for in my **name** shall they **be** called; **and** they are mine.

¹⁹**And** because thou hast **inquired** of me concerning the transgressor[_ _], thou art **blessed**.

²⁰**Thou** art my servant; and I covenant with thee that thou shalt have eternal life; and thou shalt serve me **and** go forth in my name, **and** shalt gather together my sheep.

²¹**And** he that will hear my voice shall be my sheep; **and** him shall ye receive into the church, **and** him will I also **receive**.

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for behold this is my church whosoever that is baptised shall be \diamond baptised unto repentance & whosoever ye receive shall believe in my nam^e & him will I freely forgive

for it is I that taketh upon me the sins of the world for it is I that hath created them & it is I that granteth unto him that believeth in the end a place at my right hand

for behold in my name are they called & if they know me they shall come forth and shall have a place eternally at my right hand

and it shall come to pass that when the second trump shall sound then shall they that never knew me come forth & shall stand before me

& then shall they know that I am the Lord their God that I am their redeemer but they would not be redeemed

& thin will I confess into them that I never knew them & **160** they shall depart unto everlasting fire prepared for the devil & his angels

therefore I say unto you that he that will not hear my voice the same shall ye not receive into my church for him I will not receive at the last day

therefore I say unto you go and whosoever transgresset against me him shall ye judge according to the sins which he hath committed & if he confess his sins before thee and me and repenteth in the sincer^{ty} of his heart him shall ye forgive & I will forgive him also

yea & as often as my people repent will I forgive them their trespass^{es} ~~pas~~ against me

& ye shall also forgive one another your trespass^e \diamond for verily I say unto you te that forgiveth not his neighbors trespasses when he sayeth that he repenteth the ^{same} hath brought himself under condemnation,

now I say unto you go & whosoever will not repent of his sins the same shall not be numbered among my people and this shall be observed from this time forward

And it came to pass when Alma had heard these words he wrote them down that he might have them & that he might judge the people of that church according to the commandments of God

²²For behold, this is my church; whosoever **[X]** is baptized shall be **baptized** unto repentance. **And** whomsoever ye receive shall believe in my name; **and** him will I freely forgive.

²³For it is I that taketh upon me the sins of the world; for it is I that hath created them; **and** it is I that granteth unto him that believeth **unto** the end a place at my right hand.

²⁴For behold, in my name are they called; **and** if they know me they shall come forth, and shall have a place eternally at my right hand.

²⁵And it shall come to pass that when the second trump shall sound then shall they that never knew me come forth **and** shall stand before me.

²⁶And then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, that I am their **Redeemer**; but they would not be redeemed.

²⁷And then **I will** confess **unto** them that I never knew them; **and** they shall depart **into** everlasting fire prepared for the devil **and** his angels.

²⁸Therefore I say unto you, that he that will not hear my voice, the same shall ye not receive into my church, for him I will not receive at the last day.

²⁹Therefore I say unto you, **Go**; and whosoever transgresseth **h** against me, him shall ye judge according to the sins which he has **[]** committed; **and** if he confess his sins before thee and me, and repenteth in the sincer^{ity} of his heart, him shall ye forgive, **and** I will forgive him also.

³⁰Yea, **and** as often as my people repent will I forgive them their trespasses **[_ _ _]** against me.

³¹And ye shall also forgive one another your trespasses; for verily I say unto you, **h**e that forgiveth not his neighbor's trespasses when he says **[_]** that he repents **[_]**, the **same** hath brought himself under condemnation.

³²Now I say unto you, **Go**; **and** whosoever will not repent of his sins the same shall not be numbered among my people; and this shall be observed from this time forward.

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and whosoever repented of their Sins & did confess them them he did number among the people of the church

& them that would not confess their sins & repent of their iniquity the same were not numbered among the people of the church & their names were blotted out.

And it came to pass that Alma did regulate all the affairs of the church & they began again to have peace & to prosper exceedingly in the affairs of the church walking circumspectly before God receiving many & baptizing many

& now all these things did Alma and his fellow labourers do which were over the church walking in all diligence teaching the word of God in all things suffering^s all manner of afflictions being persecuted by all those who did not belong to the church of God

& ~~di~~ they did admonish their brethren, & they were also admonished every one by the word of God according to his sins or to the sins which he had committed. Being commaded of God to pray without ceasing & to give thanks in all things,

³⁴And it came to pass that Alma went and judged those that had been taken in iniquity, according to the word of the Lord.

³⁵And whosoever repented of their sins and did confess them, them he did number among the people of the church;

³⁶And those that would not confess their sins and repent of their iniquity, the same were not numbered among the people of the church, and their names were blotted out.

³⁷And it came to pass that Alma did regulate all the affairs of the church; and they began again to have peace and to prosper exceedingly in the affairs of the church, walking circumspectly before God, receiving many, and baptizing many.

³⁸And now all these things did Alma and his fellow labo[]rers do who were over the church, walking in all diligence, teaching the word of God in all things, suffering[] all manner of afflictions, being persecuted by all those who did not belong to the church of God.

³⁹And [_ _] they did admonish their brethren; and they were also admonished, every one by the word of God, according to his sins, or to the sins which he had committed, being commanded of God to pray without ceas[]ing, and to give thanks in all things.