

Alma 7 Chapter 5th

The words of Alma which he delivered to the People in Gideon according to his own Reccord. —

¹Behold my beloved Brethren
seeing that I have been permitted to come unto you
therefore I attempt to address you in my language
yea by my own mouth
seeing that it is the first time
that I have spoken unto you by the words of my mouth
I having been wholly confined to the Judgment seat
having^{had} much business that I could not come unto you
²and even I could not have come now at this time
were it not that the Judgment seat hath been given to another
to Reign in my stead

and the Lord in much mercy hath granted that I should come unto you,
³and b^ehold I have come having great hopes and much desire
that I should find that ye had humbled yourselves before God
and that ye had continued in the supplicating of his grace
that I should find that ye were blameless b^efore him
that I should find that ye were not in the awful dilemma
that our Brethren were in at Zarahemla
⁴but blessed be the name of God that he hath given unto me to know
yea hath given unto me the exceeding great Joy of Knowing
that they are established again in the way of his righteousnes^s
⁵and I trust according to the spirit of God which is in me
that I shall also have joy over you,
nevertheless I do not desire
that my joy over you should come
by the cause of so much afflictions and sorrow
which I have had for the Brethren at Zarahemla
for behold my joy cometh over them
after wading through much afflictions and sorrow,
⁶but behold I trust that ye are not in a state of so much unbelief
as were your Brethren
I trust that ye are not lifted up in the pride of your hearts
yea I trust that ye have not set your hearts
upon riches & the vain things of the world
yea I trust that you do not worship Idols
but that ye do worship the true and the living God
and that ye look forward for the remission of your Sins
with an everlasting faith
which is to come

⁷for behold I say unto you there be many things to come
and behold there is one thing which is of more importance than they all
for behold the time is not far distant
that the Redeemer liveth and cometh among His people

⁸Behold I do not say that he will come among us
at the time of his dwelling in his mortal tabernacle
for behold the spirit hath not said unto me this this should be the case
now as to this thing I do not know,

but this much I d know
that the Lord God hath power to do all things
which is according to his word,

⁹but behold the spirit hath said this much unto me saying
cry unto this people saying
Repent ye, repent
ye and prepare the way of the Lord
and walk in his paths which are strait,
for behold the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand
and the Son of God cometh upon the face of the Earth

¹⁰and behold he shall be born of Mary at Jerusalem
which is the land of our fore Fathers
She being a virgin a precious and Chosen Vessel
who shall be over shadowed
and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost
and bring forth a Son
yea even the Son of God

¹¹and he shall go forth
suffering pain and affliction and temptation of every Kind
and this this the word might be fulfilled which sayith
he will take upon him the pains and the sicknesses of his people

¹²and he will take upon him Death
that he may loose the bands of Death which bind his people,
and he will take upon him their infirmities
that his bowels may be filled with mercy According to the flesh
that he may know according to the flesh
how to suffer his people according to their infermities,

¹³now the spirit knoweth all things
nevertheless the Son of God suffereth according to the flesh
that he might take upon him the sins of his people
that he might blot out their transgressions
according to the power of his deliverance,
and now behold this is the testimony which is in me,

¹⁴now I say unto you
that ye must repent and ~~and~~ be born again
for the spirit sayeth
if ye are not born again ye cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven
therefore come and be Baptised unto repentance
that ye may be washed from your sins
that ye may have faith on the Lamb of God
which taketh away the sins of the world
which is mighty to save and to cleanse from all unrighteousness
¹⁵yea I say unto you
come and fear not and lay aside every Sin which easily doth beset you
which doth bind you down to destruction
yea come and go forth and show unto your God
that ye are willing to repent of your sins
and enter into a covenant with him to keep his commandments
and witness it unto him this day by going into the waters of Baptism
¹⁶and whosoever doeth this
and keepeth the commandments of God from thenceforth
the same will remember that I say unto him
yea he will remember that I have said unto him
he shall have eternal life
according to the testimony of the holy spirit which testifieth in me,

¹⁷and now my beloved Brethren do you believe these things,
behold I say unto you
yea I know that you believe them
and the way ~~that~~ I know that ye believe them
is by the manifestation of the spirit which is in me
and now because your faith is strong concerning that,
yea concerning the things which I have spoken
great is my joy.

¹⁸for as I said unto you from the beginning
that I had much desire
that ye were not in the state of dilemma like your Brethren
even so I have found that my desires have been gratified
¹⁹for I perceive that ye are in the paths of righteousness
I perceive that ye are in the paths which ~~to~~ leads to the Kingdom of God
yea I perceive that ye are making his paths strait
²⁰I perceive that it hath been made known unto you by the testimony of his word
that he cannot walk in crooked paths
neither doth he vary from that which he ~~that~~ hath said
neither hath he a shadow of turning from the right to the left
or from that which is right to that which is wrong
therefore his courses is one Eternal round.

²¹he doth not dwell in unh^oly temples
neither can filthⁱness or any thing which is unclean
be received into the Kingdom of God
therefore I say unto you
the time shall come
yea and it shall be at the last day
that he whi^oh is filthy shall remain in his filthiness

²²and now my beloved Brethren I have said these things unto you
that I might awaken you to a sense of your duty to God
that ye may walk blameless before him
that ye may walk afther the holy ^{order} of God
after which ye have been received

²³and now I would that ye should be humble and be submissive and gentle
easy to be entreated
full of patience and long suffering
being temperate in all things,
being diligent in keeping the commadments of God at all times
asking for whatsoever things ye stand in need both spiritual and temporal
always returning thanks unto God for whatsoever things ye do receive

²⁴and see that ye have faith hope and charity
and then ye will always abound in good works,

²⁵and may the Lord bless you and keep your garments spotless
that ye may at last be brought to sit down with Abraham Isaac and Jacob
and the holy Prophets which have been ever since the wourld began
having your garments spotless
even as their garments are spotless
in the Kⁱngdom of Heaven, to go no more out,

²⁶and now my beloved Brethren I have spoken these unto you
according to the spirit which testifieth in me
and my soul doth exceedingly rejoice
because of the exceeding diligence and heed
which ye have given unto my word

²⁷and now may the peace of God rest upon you
and upon your houses and lands
and upon your flocks and herds and all that you possess
your women and your Children
according to your and good works
from this time hense forth and forever
& th^{thus} is I have spoken
Amen