

## Alma 12 Chapter 9<sup>th</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Now Alma seeing that the words of Amulek had silenced Zeezrom for he beheld that Amulek had caught him in his lieings and deceivings to destroy him and seeing that he began to tremble under a consciousness of his guilt he opened his mouth and began to speak unto him and to establish the words of Amulek and to explain thing beyond or to unfold the scriptures beyond that which Amulek had done

<sup>2</sup>now the words that Alma spake unto Zeezrom was heard by the people round about, for the multitude was great and he spake on this wise.

<sup>3</sup>now Zeezrom seeing that thou hast been taken in thy lieings and Craftiness for thou hast not lied unto men only but thou hast lied unto God for behold he knows all thy thoughts and thou seest that thy thoughts are made known unto us by this spirit

<sup>4</sup>and thou seest that we know that thy plan was a very subtle plan as to the subtlety of the Devil for to lie and to deceive this people thou thou mightest set them against us to revile us and to Cast us out

<sup>5</sup>now this was a plan of thine adversary and he hath exercised his power in thee

now I would that ye should remember that what I say unto thee I say unto all

<sup>6</sup>and behold I say unto you all that this was a snare of the adversary which he hath laid to catch this people that he might bring you into subjection unto him that he might encircle you about with his Chains that he might chain you down to everlasting destruction according to the power of his captivity.

<sup>7</sup>Now when Alma had spoken these words Zeezrom began to tremble more exceedingly for he was convinced more and more of the power of God, and he was also convinced that Alma and Amulek had a knowledge of him for he was convinced that they knew the thoughts and intents of his hearts for power was given unto them that they might know of these things according to the spirit of prophesy

<sup>8</sup>Zeezrom began to enquire of them diligently  
that he might know more concerning the Kingdom of God  
and he said unto Alma  
what does this mean which Amulek hath spoken  
concerning the resurrection of the dead  
that all shall rise from the dead  
both the just and the unjust  
and are brought to stand before God  
to be Judged according to their works

<sup>9</sup>and now Alma began to expound these things unto him, saying  
it is given unto many to know the mysteries of God  
nevertheless they are laid under a strict command  
that they shall not impart  
only according to the portion of his word  
which he doth grant unto the children of men  
according to the heed and diligence which they give unto him

<sup>10</sup>therefore he that will harden his heart  
the same receiveth the lesser portion of the word  
and he that will not harden his heart  
to him is given the greater portion of the word  
until it is given unto him to know the mysteries of God  
until they knew them in full

<sup>11</sup>and he that will harden his heart  
to him is given the lesser portion of the word  
until they know nothing Concerning his mysteries  
and then they are taken captive by the Devil  
and led by ~~the chains of Hell and Amulek~~ his will down to destruction,  
now this is what is ment by the chains of Hell

<sup>12</sup>and Amulek hath spoken plainly concerning death  
and being raised from this mortality to a state of immortality  
and being brought before the bar of God  
to be judged according to are works

<sup>13</sup>then if our hearts have been hardened  
yea if we have hardened our hearts against the word  
insomuch that it hath not been found in us  
then will our state be awful

for then we shall be condemned

<sup>14</sup>for our work will condemn us  
yea all our work will condemn us  
we shall not be found spotless

and our thoughts will also condemn us  
and in this awful state we shall not dearst look up to our God  
and would fane be glad  
if we could command the rocks and the mountains to fall upon us  
to hide us from his presence

<sup>15</sup>but this cannot be  
we must come forth and stand before him  
in his glory and in his power and in his might magesty and dominion  
and acknowledge to their everlasting shame that all his judgments are just  
that he is just in all his works  
and that he is merciful unto the children of men  
and that he hath all power to save every man  
that believeth on his name and bringeth forth fruit mete for repentance,

<sup>16</sup>and now behold I say unto you  
then cometh a death even a second death which is a spiritual death  
then is a time that whosoever dieth in his sins as to the temporal death  
shall also die a spiritual death,  
yea he shall die, as to things pertaining unto righteousness

<sup>17</sup>then is the time when their torment shall be as a lake of fire and brimstone  
whose flames asscendeth up forever and forever  
and then is the time thot thy shall be chained down to an everlasting destruction  
according to the power and captivity of Satan  
having subjected them according to his will

<sup>18</sup>then I say unto you  
they shall be as though there had been no redemption made  
for they cannot be redeemed according to Gods justice  
and they cannot die  
seeing there is no more corruption.

<sup>19</sup>Now it came to pass that  
when Alma had made an end of speaking these words  
the people began to be more astonished

<sup>20</sup>but there was one Antionah who was a chief Ruler among them  
came forth & said unto him  
what is this that thou hast said  
that man should rise from the dead  
and be changed from this mortal to an immortal state  
that the soul can never die.

<sup>21</sup>what does this scripture mean which saith  
that God placed Cherabs and a flameing sword  
on the east of the Garden of Eden  
lest our first Parents should enter  
& partake of the fruit of the tree of life & live forever  
& thus we see that there was no possible chance  
that they should live forever,

<sup>22</sup>now Alma saith unto him  
this is the thing which I was about to explain  
now we see that Adam did fall by partakeing of the forbidden fruit  
according to the word of God  
& thus we see that by his fall  
that all mankind became a lost & a fallen people

<sup>23</sup>and now behold I say unto you that  
if it had been possible for Adam  
for to have partaken of the fruit of the tree of life at that time  
that there would have been no death  
and the word would have been void  
makeing God a liar  
for he said  
if thou eat thereof thou shalt surely die  
<sup>24</sup>and we see that death comes upon mankind  
yea the death which has been spoken of by Amulek  
which is the temporal death

nevertheless there was a space granted unto man in which he might repent  
therefore this life became a probationary state  
a time to prepare to meet God  
a time to prepare for that endless state  
which has been spoken of by us  
which is after the resurrection of the dead  
<sup>25</sup>now if it had not been for the plan of redemption  
which was laid from the foundation of the world  
there could have been no resurrection of the dead  
but there was a plan of redemption laid  
which shall bring to pass the resurrection of the dead  
of which has been spoken.

<sup>26</sup>and now behold if it were possible  
that our first Parents could have went forth and partaken of the tree of life  
they would have been forever miserable  
having no preparatory state  
and thus the plan of redemption would have been frustrated  
and the word of God would have been void  
taking none effect  
<sup>27</sup>but behold behold it was not so  
but it was appointed unto man they they must die  
and after death they must come to judgment  
even that same judgment of which we have spoken  
which is the end

<sup>28</sup>and affter God had appointed that these things should come unto man  
behold then he saw that it was expediant  
that man should know concerning the things  
whereof he had appointed unto them  
<sup>29</sup>therefore he sent Angels to converse with them  
which caused men to Behold of his Glory

<sup>30</sup>and they began from that time forth to call on his name  
therefore God conversed with men  
& made known unto them the plan of redemption  
which had been prepared from the foundation of the world  
and this he made known unto them  
according to their faith and repentance and their holy works  
<sup>31</sup>wherefore he gave commandments unto men  
they having first transgressed the first commandments  
as to things which were temporal  
& becoming as Gods  
knowing good from evil  
placing themselves in a state to act  
or being placed in a state to act according to their wills and pleasures  
whether to do good or to do evil

<sup>32</sup>therefore God gave unto them commandments  
after having made known unto them the plan of redemption  
that they should not do evil  
the penalty thereof being a second death  
which was an everlasting death as to things pertaining unto righteousness  
for on such the plan of redemption could have no power  
for the works of justice could not be destroyed  
according to the supreme goodness of God

<sup>33</sup>but God did call on men in the name of his Son  
this being the plan of redemption which was laid saying  
if ye will repent and harden not your hearts  
then will I have mercy upon you through mine only begotten Son

<sup>34</sup>therefore whosoever repenteth and hardeneth not his heart  
he shall have claim on mercy through mine only begotten Son  
unto a remission of their sins  
and these shall enter into my rest

<sup>35</sup>and whosoever will harden his heart and will do iniquity  
Behold I swear in my wrath that they shall not enter into my rest

<sup>36</sup>and now my Brethren behold I say unto you that  
if ye will harden your hearts  
ye shall not enter into the rest of the Lord  
therefore your iniquity provoketh him  
that he sendeth down his wrath upon you as in the first provocation  
yea according to his word in the last provocation as well as in the first  
to the everlasting destruction of your souls  
therefore according to his word unto the last death as well as the first,

<sup>37</sup>and now my Brethren seeing we know these things and they are true  
let us repent and harden not our hearts  
that we provoke not the Lord our God to pull down his wrath upon us  
in these his second commandments which he hath given unto us  
but let us enter into the rest of God  
which is prepared according to his word