

Alma 32

¹& it came to pass that they did go forth
& began to preach the word of Lord unto the Peopee
intering into their Synagogues & into their houses
yea & even they did preach the word in their streets
²& it came to pass that after much ~~labour~~ labour among them
they began to have success among the poorer class of People
fir behold they were cast out of the Synagogeses
because of the coarseness of their apparel
³therefore they were not remitted
to enter into their Synagogues to ~~worsh~~ worship god
being esteemed as filthiness
therefore they were poor
yea they were esteemed by their Breth^{ren} as dross
therefore they were poor os to things of the world
& also they were poor in heart

⁴now as Alma was teaching & speaking unto the People upon the hill Onidah
there came a great multitude unto him
which were those of which we have been speaking
which were poor in heart because of their poverty as to the thengs of the world
⁵& they came unto Alma
& the one which was the foremost among them & sayeth unto him
behold what shall these my Brethren do
for they are despised of all men because of their poverty
yea & more ~~esperual~~ ~~esper~~ ^{especially} ~~ally~~ by our Ppriests
for they have cast us out of our Synagogues
which we have laboured abundantly to build with our own hands
& they have cast us out because of this our exceding poverty
that te have no place to worship our God
& now behold what shall we do

⁶& now when Alma heard this
he turned him about his face immediately towards his
& he beheld with great joy
for he beheld that their afflictions had truly humbeee them
& that they were in a preperation to hear the word
⁷therefore he did say no move to the other multitude
but he streached forth his hand
& cried unto those which he beheld which were truly penitent
& sayeth unto them
⁸I behold that ye are towly in heart
& if so blessed are ye
⁹Behold thy Brother hath said
what shall we do
for we are cast out of our Synagogues that we cannot worship our god¹

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¹⁰Behold I say unto you
do ye suppose that ye cannot worship God save it be in your Synagogue^s only
¹¹& moreover I would ask
do ye suppose that ye must not worship God only once in a waek

¹²I say unto you
it is well that ye are cast out of your Synagogues
that ye may be humble & that ye may learn wisdom
for it is ~~nessa~~ necessary that ye should learn wisely
for it is because that ye are cast out
that ye are despised of your Brethren because of your exceeding poverty
that ye are brought to a lowliness of heart
for ye are necessarily brought to be humble
¹³& now because ye are compelled to be humble ~~helse~~^{blessed} are ye
for a man sometimes if he is compelled to be humble seeketh repentance
& now surely whosoever repenteth shall find mercy
& he that findeth mercy & endureth to the end
the same shall be saved

¹⁴& now as I said unto you
that because ye were compelled to be humble ye were blessed
do ye not suppose that they are more blessed
who truly humble themselves because of the word
¹⁵yea he that truly humbleth himself
& repenteth of his sins & endureth to the end
the same shall be blessed
yea much more blessed then they who art compelled to be humble
because of their exceeding^e of poverty
¹⁶therefore blessed are they who humbleth themselves
without being compelled to be humble
or rather in other words blessed is he
that beleeveth in the word of God & is Baptised without stubbornness of heart
yea without being brought to know the word or even compelled to know
before they will believe

¹⁷yea there are many which do say
if thou wilt show unto us a sign from Heaven
then we shall snow of a surety
then we shall beleeve

¹⁸now I ask
is this faith
behold I say unto you nay
for if a man knoweth a thing he hath no cause to believe
for he knoweth it
¹⁹& now how much more cursed is he
that knoweth the will of God & doeth it not
then he that only believest or only hath cause to believe
& falleth into transgression

²⁰now of this thing ye must judge
behold I say unto you that it is on the one hand even as it is on the other
& it shall be unto every man according to his work

²¹& now as I said concerning faith
faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things
therefore if ye have faith ye hope for things which is not seen which are true

²²& now behold I say unto you & I would that ye ~~would~~^{should} remember
that God is merciful unto all who believe on his name
therefore he desireth in the first place
that ye should believe yea even on his word

²³& now he imparteth his word by Angels unto men
ye not only men but women also
now this is not all
little Children doth have words given unto them many times
which doth confound the wise & the learned

²⁴& now my beloved Brethren as ye have desired to know of me
what ye shall do because ye are afflicted & cast out
now I do not desire that ye should suppose that I ~~mean~~^{to-gudeague 2} mean to judge you
only according to that which is true

²⁵for I do not mean that ye all of you have been compelled to humble yourselves
for I verily believe there are some among you which ^{would} humble themselves
let them be in whatsoever circumstances he might

²⁶now as I said concerning faith that it was not a perfect knowledge
even so it is with my words
ye cannot know of their surety at first unto perfection
any more than faith is a perfect knowledge

²⁷but behold if ye will awake & arouse your faculties
even to an experiment upon my words
& exercise a particle of faith
yea even if ye can no more than desire to believe
let this desire work in you even until ye believe in a manner
that ye can give place for a portion of my words

² OM Header = ng to the Zoramites &C.

²⁸ now we will compare the word unto a Seed
now if ye give place that a seed may be planted in your heart
behold if it be a true seed or a good seed
if ye do not cast it out by your unbelief
that ye will resist the spirit of the Lord
behold it will begin to swell within your breasts
& when yuu feel these swelling mations
ye will begin to say with in yourselves
it must kneeds be that is a good seed or that the word is good
for it begineth to enlarge my soul
yea it begineth to enlighten my understanding
yea & it begineth to be delisous to me

²⁹ now behold would not this increase your faith
I say unto you yea
nevertheless it hath not grown up to a pereect knowledge
³⁰ but behold as the seed swelleth & sprouteth & begineth to grow
s[&]e then ye will ^{must} needs say that the seed is good
for behold it ~~d~~ swelleth & ~~sprouteth~~ sprouteth & begineth ~~t~~ to grow
& now behold will rot this stretgthen your faith
yea it will strengthen your faith
for ye will say
I know that this is a good seed
for behold it sprouteth & begineth to grow

³¹ & now behold are ye sure that thes is a good seed
I say unto you yea

for every seed bringeth forth unto its own likeness

³² therefor is a seed groweth it is ~~good~~ good
but if it groweth not behold it is not good
therefore it is cast auay

³³ & now behold because ye have treed the experiment & planted the seed
& it swelleth & sprouteth & begineth to grow
ye must needs know that the seed is gooo

³⁴ & now beho!d is your knowledge perfeett
yea your knowledge is perfect in that thing & your faith is dormant
& this because you know
f^{or} ye kn^ow that the word hath swelled your Souls
& ye also know that it hath sprouted up
that your understanding doth begin to be inlightened
& your mind doth begin to expand

³⁵ O then is not this real

I say unto you
yea because it es l~~ig~~e bight
& whatsover is light is good because it is desernable
therefore ye must know that it is good

& now behold after ye have tasted this light if is your knowledge perfect

³⁶ behold I say unto you nay

neither must you lay aside your faith

for ye have only exercised your^r faith to plant the seed

that ye might try the experiment to know if the seed wer<was>e good 3

³⁷ & behold as these tree begineth to grow ye will say

let us nourish it with great care thett it myy get root

& that it may grow up & bring forth fruit unto us

& now behold if ye nourish it with much care

it will get root & grow up & fring forth fruit

³⁸ but if ye neglect the tree & take no thought for its nourishmet

behold it will not get any root

& when the heat of the Sun cometh & scorcheth it

& because it hath no root it withereth away

& ye pluck it up & cast it out

³⁹ now this is not because the seed was not good

neither is the because the fruit thereof would not be desireable

but it is because your ground is barron & ye will not nourish the tree

therefore ye cannot have the fruit thereof

⁴⁰ & thus it is if ye will enot nourish the word

looking forward with an eye of faith to the fruit thereof

ye can never pluck of the fruit of the tree off life

⁴¹ but if ye will nourish the word

yea nourish the tree as it begineth to grow by your faith

with great diligence & with patience

looking forward to the friiu there^{of}

& it shall take root

& ^{bc}hold ~~it sh~~— it shall be a tree springing up into everlasting life

⁴² & because of doar deligence & your faith & your patience with the words

ⁱn nourishing it that it may take root in you

behold by & by ye shall pluck the fruit thereof which is most precious

which is sweet above all that is sweet

& which is white above all that is white

yea & pure above all that is pure

& ye shall feast upon this fruit even uttill ye are filled

that ye hungar not neither shall ye thirst

⁴³ then ~~shal~~ my Brethren ye shall reap the rewards of your faish

& your diligence & patience & long suffering

~~then~~ waiting for the tree to bring forth fruit unto you

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