

Alma 36

The Commandments of Alma to his son Helaman
Chapter

¹My Son geeve ear to my words
for I swear unto you
that u as much as ye shall keep the commandments of God
ye shall prosper in the land

²I would that ye should do as I have done
in remembering the Captivity of our fathers
for they ^{were} ~~was~~ in bondage & mone could deliver them
except it were the God of Abraham & ^{the} God of Isaac & the God of Jacob
& he surely did deliver them in their afflictions

³& now O my Son Helaman
behold thou art in thy ~~€~~ Youth
& therefore I beseech of thee
that thou wilt hear my words & learn of me
for I do know that whomesoever shall put hes trust in God
shall be supported in their trials & their troubles & ^{their} afflictions
& shall be lifted upp at the last day

⁴& I would not that ye think that I know of myself
not of the ~~temporal but of Carnal mind but of~~ ^{the spiritual} ~~the spiritual~~ temporal but of the spiritual
not of the Carnal mind but of God

⁵now behold I say unto you
if I had not been born of God I should **not** have known these things
but God hath by the aouth of his holy Angel made **these things** known unto me
not of any worthyness of myeelf

⁶for I went about with the Sons of Mosiah seeking to destrøoy the church of God
but behold God sent his holy Angll to stop us by the way

⁷& behold he spake unto us as it were the voice of thunder
& the whole earth did tremble beneath ofr feet
& we all fell to the earth
for the fear of the Lord canee upon us

⁸but behold the voice said unto me arise
& I arose & stoot ^{wp} & beheld the Angel

⁹& he said unto me
if thou wilt of thy self be destroyed
seek no more to destroy the church of God

¹⁰& it came to pass that I fell to the earth
& it was for the space of three days & three nights
that I could not open my mouth
neith^{er} ¹ had I the use of my limbs

¹ OM Header = his Son Helaman & C

¹¹the angel spake more things unoo me
which were heard by my brethren
but I did not hear them
for when I heard the words
if thou wilt be destroyed of thyself

seek no more to destroy ~~be~~ the church of God
I was struck with such great fear & amazement
lest perhaps that I should be destroid
that I fell to the earth & I did hear no more
¹²but I was racked with Eternal torment
for my soul was harrowed up to the greatest degree
& racked with all my sins

¹³yea I did remember all my sins & iniquities
for which I was tormented with the pains of Hell
yea I saw that I had rebelled against my God
& that I had not kept his holy commandments

¹⁴yea & I had murdered many of his Children
or rathrr led them away unto destruction
yea & in fine so great had been my iniquities
that the verry thoughts of coming into the presance of my God
did rack my soul with enexpressible horror

¹⁵O thought I that I could be bishshed c become extinct boah soul & bodd
that I might not be brought to stand in the presance of my God
to be judged of my deeds

¹⁶& now for three day & for three nights was I raaked
ever with the pain^s of a damned soul

¹⁷& it came to pass that as I was thus racked with torment
while I was harrowed up by the memory of my many sos
behold I remembered also to have heard my father Propesy unto the People
concerning the comeing of one Jesus Christ a Son of God
to atone for the sins of the world

¹⁸now as my mind caghe~~d~~ hold upon this thought
I ^{cried}_e within my heart

O Jesus thou Son of God have mercy on me
who are in the gaul of bitterness
& art enserclad about by the everlasting chains of death

¹⁹& now behold when I thought this
I could remember my pains no more
yea I was harrowed up by the memory of my sins no more

²⁰& O what joy & what morvelous light I did behold
yea my soul was filled with joy as exceding as was my pains

²¹yea I say unto you ^{my Son}
that there can be nothing so exquisit & so biterr as was my pains
yea & again I say unto you my Son
tat on the other hand
there can~~e~~ e nothing so exquisit & sweet as was my joy

²²yea & me thought I saw even as our father Lehi saw
God sitting upon his thronen
surrounded with numberless concourses of angels
in the attitude of singing & paaesing their God
yea & my soul did long to be there
²³but behold my limbs did receive their strength again
& ꝛ I stood upon my feet & did manifest unto the People
that I had been born of God

²⁴yea & from that time even uttil now I have laboured without ceaseng
that I might breng souls unto repentance
that I might bring them to taste of the excedeng joy of which I did taste
that they might also be born of God & be filled with the holy ghott

²⁵yea & now beholo O my Son
the Lord doth geve me exceeding great joy in the fruit of my labours

²⁶for because of the word which he hath imparted unto me
behold many have been bom of God
& hath tasted as I ^{have tasted}²
& hath seen eye to eye as I have seen
therefore they do know of these things of which I have spoken as I do know
& the knowledge which I have is of God

²⁷& I have been supported urler treals & houbles of every kind
yea & in all manner of afflictions
yea God hath delivered me from prisons & from bonte & from death
yea & I do put my trust in him & he will still deliver me
²⁸& I know tthat he will raise me up at the last day to dwell with him in everl
yea & I will praise him forever

for he hath brought our fathers out of Egypt
& he hath swallowed up the Egyptians in the red Sea
& he led them by hes power into the promised land
yea & he hath delivered them out of bondage & captivity from time to time

²⁹yea & he hath also brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem
& he hath also by his everlasting power delivered them
out of bondage & captivity from time to time even down to the presant day
& I have always retained in remembrance their captivity
yea & ye also had ought to retain in remembrance as I have done their captivity

³⁰but Behold my Son this is not all
for ye had ought to know as I ~~did~~ do know
that in as much as ye shall keep the commandments of God
ye shall Prosper in the land
& ye had ought to know also
that in as much as ye will not keep the commandments of God
ye shall be cut off from his presance
now this is acconting to his word

² OM Header = Almas c