

Alma 39

The Commandments of Alma to his Son Corianton

Chap.

¹And now my Son I have somewhat more to say unto thee
then what I said unto thy Brothers
for Behdd have ye not observed the stediness of thy Brothers
his faithfulness & his deligence in keeping the commandments ff God
behold has he not set a good example for the^e

²for thou didst not give so much head unto my words
as did thy Brother among the People of the Zoramites
now this is what I have against thee
thou didst go on unto boasting in thy strength & thy wisdom

³& this is not all my Son
thou didst do that which was grievous unto me
for thou didst for sake the ministry
& did go over into the land of Siron
among the borders of the Lamanites
after the Harlot Iasbel

⁴yea she did seal away the hearts of many
but this was no excuse for the my Son
thou shouldst have tended to the ministry where with thou wast entrusted

⁵no ye not my Son that these things are an abomination in the sight of the Lord
yea most abominable above all sins

save it be the ~~hedding~~ shedding of inocent blood or denying the Holy Ghost
⁶fore behold if ye deny the Holy Ghost when its once hath had place in you

& ye ð know that ye deny it
behold this is a sin which is unpardonable
yea & & whosoever murdereth against the ligtt & knowledge of God
it is not easy for him to obtain forgiveness
yea I say unto you my Son
that it is not easy for him to ~~obtain~~ obteire a forgivfness

⁷& now my Son I would to God that ye had not been guilty of so great a crime
I would not dw^ell upon your crimes ^hto harrow up your ~~er~~ Soul
if it were not for yorr good

⁸but behold ye cannot hide your cremes from God
& except ye repent
they will stand as a testimony against you at the last day

⁹now my Son I would that ye should repent & forsake your Sins
& go no more after the lusts of your eyes
but cross your self in all these things
for except ye do this ye can in no wise inherit the Kingdom of God
O remember & take it upor you
& cross yourself in these things

¹⁰& I command you to take it upon you
to counsel your elder brothers in your undertakings
for Behold thou art in thy Youth
& ye stand in need to be nourished by your Brothers
& give head to their Counsel
¹¹suffer not yourself to be led away by any foolin of foolish thing
suffer not that the Devil lead away your heart again after those whikked harlots
behold O my Son how great iniquity ye brought upon the Zoramites
for when they saw your conduct
they would not believe in my words

¹²& now the spirit of the Lord doth say unto me
command thy children to do good
lest they lead afay the hearts of many People to destruction
therefore I command you my Son in the fear of God
that ye refrain from your iniquities
¹³that ye turn to the Lord with all your mind might & strength
that ye lead away the hearts of no more to do wickedly
but rather return unto them & acknowledge your faults
& repair that wrong which ye have done
¹⁴seek not after riches nor the vain things of this wourld
for behold you cannot come them with you

¹⁵& now my Son I would say somewhat unto you concerning the comeing of Christ
behold I say unto you
that it is him that surely shall come to hke away the sins of the world
hea he cometh to declare glad tidings of salvation unto his People
¹⁶& now my Son this was the ministry unto which ye were called
to declare these glad tedings unto this People to prepare their minds
or rather that Salvation might come unto them
that they may prepare the minds of ~~his-eh~~ their Children
to hear the word at the time of his comeing

¹⁷& now I will ease your mine somewhat on this tubjech
beheld you marvel why these things should be known so long beforehand
behold I say unto you
is not a soul at thes time as precious unto God
as a soul will be at the time of his coming
¹⁸is it not as nessarj that the plan of redemption should be made known
unto this people as well as unto their Children
¹⁹es et not as easy at thes time
for the Lord to send his Angel to declare those glad tidings
unto us as unto our Children
or as after the time of his comeing