

Helaman 5

¹& it came to pass that in this same year
behold Nephi delivered up the Judgmentseat to a man whose name was Cezoram
²for as their laws & their government^s were established by the voice of the people
& they which chose evil were more numerous than they which chose good
therefore they were ripening for destruction
for the laws had become corrupted
³yea & this was not all
they were a stiffnecked people
insomuch that they could not be governed by the law nor justice
save it were to their destruction
⁴& it came to pass that Nephi had become weary because of their iniquity
& he yielded up the Judgmentseat & took it upon him
to preach the word of God all the remainder of his days
& his brother Lehi also all the remainder of his days

⁵for they remembered the words which their father Helaman spake unto them
& these are the words which he spake

⁶Behold my Sons I desire
that ye should remember to keep the commandments of God
& I would that ye should declare unto the people these words
behold ~~hold~~ I have given unto you the names of our first parents
which came out of the land of Jerusalem
& this I have done
that when you remember your names
that ye may remember them
& when ye remember them
ye may remember their works
& when ye remember their works
ye may know how that it is said & also written that they were good
⁷therefore my Sons I would that ye should do that which is good
that it may be said of you & also written
even as it has been said & written of them

⁸& now ~~behold~~ my Sons behold I have some what more to desire of you
which desire is that ye may not do these things that ye may boast
but that ye may do these things to lay up for yourselves a treasure in Heaven
yea which is Eternal & which fadeth not away
yea that ye may have that preasious gift of Eternal life
which ~~y^we~~ have reason to suppose hath been given to our fathers

⁹O remember remember my Sons
the words which King Benjamin spake unto his people
yea remember that there is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved
only through the atoneing blood of Jesus Christ which shall come
yea remember that he cometh to redeem the world

¹⁰& remember also the words
which Am^{ulek}lek spake unto Zeezrom in the city of Am^monihah
for he said unto him that the Lord surely should come to redeem his people
but that he should not come to redeem them in their sins
but to redeem them from their sins

¹¹& he hath power given unto him from the Father
to redeem them from their Sins because of repentance
therefore he hath sent his Angels
to declare the tidings of the conditions of repentance
which bringeth unto the power of the Redeemer
unto the salvation of their souls

¹²& now my Sons remember remember
that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer
which is Christ the Son of God
that ye must build your foundation
that when the Devil shall send forth his mighty winds
yea his shafts in the whirlwind
yea when all his hail & his mighty storm shall beat upon you
it shall have no power over you
to drag you down to the gulf of misery & endless wo
because ~~up~~^{of} ~~on~~ the Rock upon which ye are built
which is a sure foundation
a foundation whereon if men buildet∅ they cannot fall

¹³& it came to pass that these were the words which Helaman taught to his Sons
yea he did teach them many things which are not written
& also many things which are written

¹⁴& they did remember his words
& therefore they went forth ~~preac~~^{keepin} ~~hen~~ the commandments of God
to teach the word of God among all the people of Nephi
beginning at the city Bountiful

¹⁵& from thence forth to the city of Gid
& from the city of Gid to the city Mulek

¹⁶& even from one city to another
until they had gone forth among all the people of Nephi
which were in the land Southward
& from thence into the land of Zarahemla among the Lamanites

¹⁷& it came to pass that they did preach with great power
insomuch that they did confound many of those dissenters
which had gone over from the Nephites
insomuch that they came forth & did confess their Sins
& were Baptised unto repentance
& immediately returned to the Nephites
to endeavor to repair unto them the wrongs which they had done

¹⁸ & it came to pass that Nephi & Lehi did preach unto the Lamanites with such great power & authority for they had power & a^{authority} g given unto them that they might speak & they also had what they should speak given unto them
¹⁹ therefore they did speak unto the great astonishment of the Lamanites to the convincing them inso much that there were eight thousand of the Lamanites which were in the ~~land~~ land of Zarahemla & round about baptised unto repentance & were convinced of the wickedness of the traditions of their fathers

²⁰ & it came to pass that Nephi & Lehi did ~~per^{per}suade~~ procede ~~to^{from} go~~ thence to go to the land of Nephi

²¹ & it came to pass that they were taken by an army of the Lamanites & cast into prison yea even in that same prison in which Ammon & his brethren were cast by the servants of Limhi
²² & after they had been cast into prison many days without food behold they went forth into the prison to take them that they might slay them

²³ & it came to pass that Nephi & Lehi were encircled about as if by fire even insomuch that they dearst not lay their hands upon them for fear lest they should be burned nevertheless Nephi & Lehi were not burned & they were as standing in the midst of fire & ^{they} were not burned

²⁴ & when they saw that they were ensirceled about with a pillar of fire & that it burned them not their hearts did take courage
²⁵ for they saw that the Lamanites dearst not lay their hands upon them neither dearst they come near unto them but stood as if they were struck dumb with amazement

²⁶ & it came to pass that Nephi & Lehi did stand forth & began to speak unto them saying fear not for behold it is God that hath shown unto you this marvelous thing in the which is shewn unto you that ye can not lay your hands ~~up~~ on us to slay us

²⁷ & behold when they had said these words the Earth shook excedingly & the walls of the prison did shake as if they were about to tumble to the earth but behold they did not fall & behold they that were in the prison were Lamanites & Nephites which were dissenters

²⁸& it came to pass that they were overshadowed with a cloud of darkness
& an awful solumn fear came upon them

²⁹& it came to pass that there came a voice
as if it were above the cloud of darkness saying
repent ye repent ye
& seek no more to destroy my servants
which I have sent unto you to declare good tidings

³⁰& it came to pass when they heard this voice
& beheld that it was not a voice of thunder
neither was it a voice of a great tumultuous noise
but behold it was a small voice of perfect mildness
as if it had been a whisper
& it did pierce even to the verry soul

³¹& notwithstanding the mildness of the voice
behold the earth shook excedingly
& the walls of the prison trembeled again
as if it were about to tumble to the earth
& behold the cloud of darkness which had overshadowed them did not disperse

³²& behold the voice came again saying
repent ye^{rep}ent ye
for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand
& seek no more to destroy my servants
& it came to pass that the earth shook again & the walls trembeled

³³& also again the third time the voice came
& did speak unto them marvelous words which cannot be uttered by man
& the walls did tremble again
& the earth shook as if it were about to divide asunder

³⁴& it came to pass that the Lamanites could not flee
because of the cloud of darkness which did overshadow them
yea & also they were immovable
because of the fear which did come upon them

³⁵now there was one among them
who was a Nephite by birth
who had once belonged to the church of God but had dissented from them

³⁶& it came to pass that he turned him abot
& behold he saw through the cloud of darkness the faces of Nephi & Lehi
& behold they did shine excedingly even as the face of Angels
& he beheld that they did lift their eyes to Heaven
& they were in the a^{attitude} ~~ttitu~~ as if talking or lifting their voices
to some being which they beheld

³⁷& it came to pass that this man did cry unto the multitude
that they might turn & look
& behold these was power given unto them
that they did turn & look
& they did behold the faces of Nephi & Lehi

³⁸ & they said unto the man
behold what doth all these things mean
& who is it whith whom these men do converse

³⁹ now the mans name was Aminadab
& Aminadab saieth unto them
they do converse with the angels of God
⁴⁰ & it came to pass that the Lamanites said unto him
what shall we do that this cloud of darkness
may be removed from overshadowing us

⁴¹ & Aminadab saieth unto them
you must repent & cry unto ~~the~~ ^{the voice} ~~we~~
even until ye shall have faith in Christ
in which was taught unto you by Alma & Amulek & ^{by} Zeezrom
& when ye shall do this
the cloud of darkness shall be removed from overshadowing you

⁴² & it came to pass that they all did begin
to cry unto the voice of him which had shook the earth
yea they did cry even until the cloud of darkness was dispersed

⁴³ & it came to pass that when they cast their eyes about
& saw that the cloud of darkness was
dispersed from overshadowing them
& behold they saw that they were ensirceled about
yea every soul by a pillar of fire

⁴⁴ & Nephi & Lehi ~~w~~ ^{was} ~~ere~~ in the midst of them
yea they were enserceled about
yea they were as if in the midst of a flaming fire
yet it did harm them not
neither did it take hold upon the walls of the prison
& they were filled with that joy which is unspeakable & full of glory

⁴⁵ & behold the Holy Spirit of God did come down from Heaven
& did enter into their hearts
& they were filled as if with fire
& they could speak forth marvelous words

⁴⁶ & it came to pass that there came a voice unto them
yea a pleasant voice as if it were a whisper saying

⁴⁷ peace peace be unto you
because of your faith in my beloved
which was from the foundation of the world

⁴⁸ & now when they heard this
they cast up their eyes as if to behold from whence the voice came
& behold they saw the Heavens open
& Angels came down out of Heaven & ministered unto them

⁴⁹ & there were about three hundred souls which saw & heard ~~thes~~ ^{these} ~~e~~ things
& they were bid to go forth & marvel not
neither should they doubt

⁵⁰& it came to pass that they did go forth & did minister unto the people
declareing throughout all the regions round about
all the things which they had heard & seen
insomuch that the more part of the Lamanites were convinced of them
because of the greatness of the evidences which they had received
⁵¹& as many as were convinced did lay down their weapons of war
& also their hatred & the tradition of their fathers
⁵²& it came to pass that
they did yield up unto the Nephites the lands of their possession