

## Jacob 2 Chapter

<sup>1</sup>The words of<sup>which</sup> Jacob the Brother of Nephi spake unto the People of Nephi after the death of Nephi

<sup>2</sup>now my beloved Brethren I Jacob according to the responsibility which I am under to God to magnify mine Office with soberness & that I might rid my garments of your sins I come up into the temple this day that I might declare unto you the word of God

<sup>3</sup>& ye yourselves know that I have hitherto been diligent in the office of my calling but I this day am weighed down with much more desire & anxiety for the welfare of your souls then I<sup>have</sup> hitherto been

<sup>4</sup>for behold as yet ye have been obedient unto the word of the Lord which I have given unto you

<sup>5</sup>but behold hearken ye unto me & know that by the help of the allpowerful creator of heaven & earth I can tell you concerning your thoughts how that ye are beginning to labour in Sin which sin appeareth verry abominable unto me yea & abominable unto God

<sup>6</sup>yea & it grieveth my soul & causeth me to shrink with shame before the presance of my maker that I must testify unto you concerning the wickedness of your hearts

<sup>7</sup>& also it grieveth me that I must use so much boldness of speach concerning you e before your wives & your Children many of whose feelings are exceding tender & chaste & & delicate before God which thing is pleasing unto God

<sup>8</sup>& it supposeth me that they have come up hither to hear the pleasing word of God yea the word which healeth the wounded soul

<sup>9</sup>wherefore it burdeneth my soul that I should be constrained because of the strict commandment which I have received from God to admonish you according to your crimes to enlarge the wounds of those which are already wounded instead of consoleing & healing their wounds & those which have not been wounded instead of feasting upon the pleasing word of God have daggers placed to pierce their souls & wound their delicate minds

<sup>10</sup>but notwithstanding the greatness of the task  
I must do according to the estrict commands of God  
& tell you concerning your wickedness & abominations  
in the presance of the pure in heart & the broken heart  
& under the glance of the pirceing eye of the Almighty God

<sup>11</sup>wherefore I must tell you the truth  
according to the planeness of the word of God  
for behold as I enquired of the Lord  
thus came the word unto me saying  
Jacob get thou up into the temple on the morrow  
& declare the words which I shall give thee  
unto this People

<sup>12</sup>& now behold my Brethren this is the word which I declare unto you  
that many of you have begun to search for Gold & for Silver  
& all manner of precious ores  
in the which this land

which is a land of promise unto you & to your seed  
doth abound most plentifully

<sup>13</sup>& the hand of providence hath smiled upon you most pleasingly  
that ye have obtained many riches

& because that some of you have obtained more abundantly  
then that of your Brethren

ye are lifted up in the pride of your hearts & wear stiff necks & high heads  
because of the costliness of your apparrell

& persecute your Brethren

because that ye suppose that ye are better then they

<sup>14</sup>& now my Brethren do ye suppose  
that God Justifieth you in this thing

behold I say unto you nay

but he condemneth you

& if ye persist in these things

his Judgments must speedily come unto you

<sup>15</sup>O that he would show you that he can pierce you

& with one glance of his eye he can smite you to the dust

<sup>16</sup>O that he would rid you from this iniquity & abomination

& O that ye would listen unto the word of his commands

& let not this pride of your hearts destroy your souls

<sup>17</sup>think of your Brethren like to yourselves

& be familiar with all & free with your substance

that they may be rich like unto you

<sup>18</sup>but before that ye seek for riches

seek ye for the Kingdom of God

<sup>19</sup>& after that ye have obtained a hope in Christ  
ye shall obtain riches if ye seek them  
& ye will s<sup>seek</sup> seek them for the intent to do good  
to cloth the naked & to feed the hungry  
& to liberate the captive & administer relief to the sick & the afflicted

<sup>20</sup>& now my Brethren I have spoken unto you concerning pride  
& those of you which have afflicted your neighbor & persecuted him  
because that ye were proud in your hearts of the things which God hath given you  
what say ye of it

<sup>21</sup>do ye not suppose that such things are abominable  
unto him who created all things flesh  
& the one being is as precious in his sight as the ~~oth~~ other  
& all flesh is of the dust  
& for the self same end hath he created them  
that they should keep his commandments & glorify him forever

<sup>22</sup>& now I make an end of speaking unto you concerning this pride  
& were it not that I must speak unto you concerning a grosser crime  
my heart would rejoice exceedingly because of you

<sup>23</sup>but the word of God burthens me because of your grosser crimes  
for behold thus saith the Lord  
this People begineth to wax in iniquity  
they understand not the Scriptures  
for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms  
because of the things which are written concerning David & Solomon his Son

<sup>24</sup>behold David & Solomon truly had many wives & conubines  
which thing was abominable before me saith the Lord

<sup>25</sup>wherefore thus saith the Lord  
I have lead this People forth out of the land of Jerusalem  
by the power of mine arm  
that I might raise up unto me a righteous branch  
from the fruit of the loins of Joseph

<sup>26</sup>wherefore I the Lord God will not suffer  
that this People shall do like unto them of Old

<sup>27</sup>wherefore my Brethren hear me & hearken to the word of the Lord  
for there shall not any ~~me~~<sup>man</sup>re among you have save it be one wife  
& concubines he shall have none

<sup>28</sup>for I the Lord God delighteth in the chastity of women  
& whoredoms is a-bomination $\diamond$  before me thus saith the Lord of hosts

<sup>29</sup>wherefore this People shall keep my commandments saith the Lord of hosts  
or cursed be the land for their sakes

<sup>30</sup>for if I will saith the Lord of hosts raise up seed unto me  
I will command my People  
utherwise they shall hearken unto these things

<sup>31</sup>for behold I the Lord have seen the sorrow & heard the mourning  
of the daughters of my People in the land of Jerusalem  
yea & in all the lands of my People  
because of the wickedness & abominations of their husbands

<sup>32</sup>& I will not suffer saith the Lord of hosts  
that the cries of the fair daughters of this People  
which I have lead out of the land of Jerusalem  
shall come up unto me against the men of my People saith the Lord of hosts

<sup>33</sup>for they shall not lead away captive the daughters of my People  
because of their tenderness  
save I shall visit them with a sore curse even unto destruction  
for they shall not commit whoredoms  
like unto they of old saith the Lord of hosts

<sup>34</sup>& now behold my Brethren ye know  
that these commandments was given to our father Lehi  
wherefore ye have known them before  
& ye have come unto great condemnation  
for ye have done these things which ye ought not to have done

<sup>35</sup>behold ye have done greater iniquity then the Lamanites our Brethren  
ye have broken the hearts of your tender wives  
& lost the confidence of your Children  
because of your bad examples before them  
& the sobings of their hearts ascendeth up to God against you  
& because of the strictness of the word of God  
which cometh down against you  
many hearts died pierced with deep wounds