

# Moroni 8

## Chapter

<sup>1</sup>An epistle of my father Mormon written to me Moroni  
& it was written unto me soon after my calling to the ministry  
& on this wise did he write unto me saying

<sup>2</sup>my<sup>My</sup> beloved son Moroni I rejoice exceedingly  
that your Lord Jesus Christ hath been mindful of you  
& hath called you to his ministry & to his holy work

<sup>3</sup>I am mindful of you always in my prayers  
continually praying unto God the Father in the name of his holy child Jesus  
that he through his infinite goodness & grace will keep you  
through the endurance of faith on his name to the end

<sup>4</sup>& now my son I speak unto you  
concerning that which grieveth me exceedingly  
for it grieveth me that there should disputations rise among you

<sup>5</sup>for if I have learned the truth  
there has been disputations among you  
concerning the baptizing of your little children

<sup>6</sup>& now my son I desire that ye should labor exceedingly  
that this gross error should be removed from among you  
for for this intent I have written this epistle

<sup>7</sup>for immediately after I had learned these things of you  
I inquired of the Lord concerning the matter  
& the word of the Lord came to me by the power of the Holy Ghost saying

<sup>8</sup>Listen to the words of Christ your Redeemer your Lord & your God  
Behold I came into the world not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance  
the whole need no physician but they that are sick  
wherefore little children are whole  
for they are not capable of committing sin  
wherefore the curse of Adam is taken from them in me  
that it hath no power over them

& the law of circumcision is done away in me  
<sup>9</sup>& after this manner did the Holy Ghost manifest the word of God unto me

wherefore my beloved son  
I know that it is solemn mockery before God  
that ye should baptize little children

<sup>10</sup>behold I say unto you that this thing shall ye teach  
repentance & baptism unto they  
which are accountable & capable of committing sin  
yea teach parents that they must repent & be baptized  
& humble themselves as their little children  
& they shall all be saved with their little children

<sup>11</sup>& their little children ~~no~~<sup>need</sup>t no repentance neither baptism  
behold baptism is unto repentance  
to the fulfilling the commandments unto the remission of sins  
<sup>12</sup>but little children are alive in christ  
even from the foundation of the world  
if not so God is a partial God  
& also a changeable ~~b~~<sup>God</sup> & ~~eing~~ a respecter to persons  
for how many little children have died without baptism  
<sup>13</sup>wherefore if little children could not be saved without baptism  
these must have gone to an endless hell  
<sup>14</sup>behold I say unto you  
that he that supposeth that little children needeth baptism  
is in the gall of bitterness & in the bonds of iniquity  
for he hath neither faith hope nor charity  
wherefore should he be cut off while in the thought  
he must go down to hell  
<sup>15</sup>for awful is the wickedness to suppose  
that God saveth one child because of baptism  
& the other ~~m~~<sup>must</sup> us perish because he hath ~~no~~ ~~not~~ baptism  
<sup>16</sup>wo be unto him that shall pervert the way of the Lord after this manner  
for they shall perish except they repent

behold I speak with boldness  
having authority from God  
~~for~~<sup>&</sup> I fear not what man can do  
for perfect love casteth out all fear  
<sup>17</sup>& I am filled with charity which is everlasting love  
wherefore all children are alike unto me  
wherefore I love little children with a perfect love  
& they are all alike & partakers of salvation  
<sup>18</sup>for I know that God is not a partial God neither a changeable being  
but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity  
<sup>19</sup>little children cannot repent  
wherefore it is awful wickedness  
to deny the pure mercies of God unto them  
for they are all alive in him because of his mercy  
<sup>20</sup>& he that saith that little children needeth ~~repen~~<sup>baptism</sup>  
~~denieth~~<sup>tance</sup> the mercies of Christ  
& seteth at nought the atonement of him  
& the power of his redemption  
<sup>21</sup>wo unto such  
for they are in danger of death hell & an endless torment

I speak it boldly  
God hath commanded me  
listen unto them & give heed  
or they stand against you at the judgement seat of Christ

<sup>22</sup>for behold that all little children are alive in Christ  
& also all they that are without the law  
for the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law  
wherefore he that is not condemned  
or he that is under no condemnation cannot repent  
& unto such baptism availeth nothing  
<sup>23</sup>but is is mockery before God  
denying the mercies of Christ & the power of his Holy spirit  
& putting trust in dead works  
<sup>24</sup>behold my son this thing had not ought to be  
for repentance is unto them that are under condemnation  
& under the curse of a broken law

<sup>25</sup>& the first fruits of repentance is baptism  
& Baptism cometh by faith unto the fulfilling the commandments  
& the fulfilling the commandments bringeth remission of sins  
<sup>26</sup>& the remission of sins bringeth meekness & lowliness of heart  
& because of meekness & lowliness of heart  
cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost  
which comforter filleth with hope & perfect love  
which <sup>love</sup> endureth by diligence unto prayer  
until the end shall come  
when all the saints shall dwell with God

<sup>27</sup>behold my son I will write unto you again  
if I go not out soon against the Lamanites  
behold the pride of this nation or the pride of the Nephites  
hath proved their destruction except they should repent  
<sup>28</sup>pray for them my son that repentance may come unto them  
but behold I fear lest the spirit hath ceased striving with them  
& in this part of the land they are also seeking  
to put down all power & authority which cometh from God  
& they are denying the Holy Ghost  
<sup>29</sup>& after rejecting so great a knowledge my son they must perish soon  
unto the fulfilling of the prophecies which was spoken by the prophets  
as well as the words of our Savior himself  
<sup>30</sup>my <sup>farewell</sup> ~~son~~ on my son until I shall write unto you  
or shall meet you again  
Amen