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behold the field was ripe & blessed are ye for ye did thirst in the rickle & did reap ð with your mights yea all the day long did ye labour & behold the number of your shieves & they shall be gathered into the garness that they are wot wasted

yea they shall not be beaten down th^{by}at the storm at the last day yea neither shall they be harrowed up by the whirlwinds but 238 when the storm cometh they shall be gathered together in their place that the storm cannot penetrate to them yea neither shall they be driven with fierce winds whithersoever the enemy listeth to carry them

but Behold they are in the hands of the Lord of the harvest & they are his & he will raise them up at the last day

blessed be the name of our God let us sing hi his praise yea let us give thanks to his holy name for he doath work righteousness forever

CHAPTER 26

Ammon glories in the Lord—The faithful are strengthened by the Lord and are given knowledge—By faith men may bring thousands of souls unto repentance—God has all power and comprehends all things. About 90–77 B.C.

¹And now, **these are** the words of Ammon to his brethren, which say[_ _ _] thus: **My brothers and my brethren**, behold I say unto you, how great reason have we to rejoice; for could we have supposed when we **start**ed from the land of Zarahemla that God would have granted unto us such great blessings?

²And now, I ask, what great blessings has[_] he bestowed upon us? **Can ye tell?**

³Behold, I answer for you; for our brethren, the Lamanites, were in **darkness**, yea, even in the d[_]arkest abyss, but behold, how many of **them [X]** are brought to behold the marvelous light of God! **And** this is the blessing which [_]hath been **bestowed** upon us, that we have been made instruments in the hands of God to bring **about** this great work.

⁴Behold, thousands of them do rejoice, **and** have been brought **into** the fold of God.

⁵Behold, the field was ripe, **and** blessed are ye, for ye did thr[_]ust in the **sickle**, **and** did reap [X] with your might[_], yea, all the day long did ye labo[_]r; **and** behold the number of your **sheaves!** **And** they shall be gathered into the **garners**, that they are **not** wasted.

⁶Yea, they shall not be beaten down [_ _]by[_ _] the storm at the last day; yea, neither shall they be harrowed up by the whirlwinds; but when the storm cometh they shall be gathered together in their place, **that** the storm cannot penetrate to them; yea, neither shall they be driven with fierce winds whithersoever the enemy listeth to carry them.

⁷But **behold**, they are in the hands of the Lord of the harvest, **and** they are his; **and** he will raise them up at the last day.

⁸Blessed be the name of our God; let us sing **to** his praise, yea, let us give thanks to his holy name, for he do[_]th work righteousness forever.

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for if we had not come up out of the land of Zarahemla these our deally beloved Brethren which have so dearly beloved us would still have been racked ofth hatred against us yea & they would also have been strangers to God

& it came to pass that when Ammon had said these words his Brother Aaron rebked him saing Ammon I fear that thy joy th doath carry the away unto boasting

but Ommon sayethe unto him I do not boast in my own strength or in my own wisdom but Behold my joy is his Brethren & C. full yea my heart is brim with joy & I will rejoice in my God

yea I know that I am nothing as to my strength I am weak therefore I will not boast of my self but I will boast of my God for in his strength I can do all things yea behold how many mighty miracels we have wrought in this land for which we will praise his name forever

behold how many thousands of our Brethren hath he loosed from thee pains of hell & they are brought to sing redeeming love & this because of the power of his word which is in us therefore have we not great reason to rejoice

yea we have reason to praise him forever for he is the most high God & has loosed these our brethren from the chains of Hell

yea they were ensercled about with everlasting darkness & destruction but behold he thath boought them into his everlasting light yea into everlasting salvation & they are encerclee about with the matchless bounty of his love yea & we have been instruments in his hands of doing this great & marvelous work

therefore let us glory yea we will glory in the Lord yea we will rejoice for our joy is full yea we will praise our God forever behold who can glory to much in the Lord yea who can say to much of his great power & of his mercy & of his long suffering towards the children of men behold I say unto you I cannot say the smallest part which I feel

who could have supposed that our God would have been so mercifully as to have snatcht us from our awful sinful & poluted state

⁹For if we had not come up out of the land of Zarahemla, these our dearly beloved brethren, who have so dearly beloved us, would still have been racked with hatred against us, yea, and they would also have been strangers to God.

¹⁰And it came to pass that when Ammon had said these words, his brother Aaron rebuked him, saying: Ammon, I fear that thy joy [_ _] do [_] th carry thee away unto boasting.

¹¹But Ammon said [_ _ _] unto him: I do not boast in my own strength, nor in my own wisdom; but behold, my joy is [X _ X _ _ _] full, yea, my heart is brim with joy, and I will rejoice in my God.

¹²Yea, I know that I am nothing; as to my strength I am weak; therefore I will not boast of my [_] self, but I will boast of my God, for in his strength I can do all things; yea, behold, [X] many mighty miracles we have wrought in this land, for which we will praise his name forever.

¹³Behold, how many thousands of our brethren has [_] he loosed from the [_] pains of hell; and they are brought to sing redeeming love, and this because of the power of his word which is in us, therefore have we not great reason to rejoice?

¹⁴Yea, we have reason to praise him forever, for he is the Most High God, and has loosed [X] our brethren from the chains of hell.

¹⁵Yea, they were encircled about with everlasting darkness and destruction; but behold, he [_] has [_] brought them into his everlasting light, yea, into everlasting salvation; and they are encircled about with the matchless bounty of his love; yea, and we have been instruments in his hands of doing this great and marvelous work.

¹⁶Therefore, let us glory, yea, we will glory in the Lord; yea, we will rejoice, for our joy is full; yea, we will praise our God forever. Behold, who can glory too much in the Lord? Yea, who can say too much of his great power, and of his mercy, and of his long-suffering towards the children of men? Behold, I say unto you, I cannot say the smallest part which I feel.

¹⁷Who could have supposed that our God would have been so merciful [_ _] as to have snatched us from our awful, sinful, and polluted state?

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behold hee went forth even in wrath with mighty threatnings to destroy his Church

O then why did he not consign us to an awful destruction yea why did he not let the sword of his justice fall upon us & doom us to eternal despair

O my soul almost as it were fleeth at the thought behold he did not exercise his justice upon us but in his great mercy hath **239** brought un over that everlasting gulf of death & misery even to the salvation of our souls

& now behold my brethren what natural man is there that Knoweth these things I say unto you there is none that Knoweth these things save it be the penitent

yea he that repenteth & exerciseth faith & bringeth forth good works & prayeth continually without ceasing unto such it is given to Know the mysteries of God yea unto such it shall be given to reveal things which never have been revealed yea & it shall be given unto such to bring thousands of souls to repentance even as it hath been given unto us to bring these our brethren to repentance

now do ye remember my Brethren that we said unto our Brethren in the land of Zarahemla we go up to the land of Nephi to preach unto our Brethren the Lamanites & they laught us to scorn

for they said unto us do ye suppose thett ye can
Ammons discours
bring the Lamanites to the Knowledge of the truth do ye suppose that ye can convince the Lamanites of the traditions of their fathers as stiffnecked a people as they are whose hearts delighteth 'n the shedding of blood whose days have been spent in the grossest iniquity & whose ways have been the ways of a transgressor from the beginning now my Brethren be remember that this was their language

& moreover they did say let us take up arms against them that we destroy them & their iniquity out of the land lest they overrun us & destroy us

¹⁸Behold, we[] went forth even in wrath, with mighty threatenings to destroy his church.

¹⁹Oh then, why did he not consign us to an awful destruction, yea, why did he not let the sword of his justice fall upon us, and doom us to eternal despair?

²⁰Oh, my soul, al[]most as it were, fleeth at the thought. Behold, he did not exercise his justice upon us, but in his great mercy hath brought us over that everlasting gulf of death and mise[], even to the salvation of our souls.

²¹And now behold, my brethren, what natural man is there that knoweth these things? I say unto you, there is none that knoweth these things, save it be the penitent.

²²Yea, he that repenteth and exerciseth faith, and bringeth forth good works, and prayeth continually without ceasing—unto such it is given to know the mysteries of God; yea, unto such it shall be given to reveal things which never have been revealed; yea, and it shall be given unto such to bring thousands of souls to repentance, even as it has[] been given unto us to bring these our brethren to repentance.

²³Now do ye remember, my brethren, that we said unto our brethren in the land of Zarahemla, we go up to the land of Nephi, to preach unto our brethren, the Lamanites, and they laughed us to scorn?

²⁴For they said unto us: Do ye [] suppose tha[]t ye can
[X_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _]
bring the Lamanites to the knowledge of the truth? Do ye suppose that ye can convince the Lamanites of the **incorrectness of the** traditions of their fathers, as stiffnecked a people as they are; whose hearts delight[_ _ _] in the shedding of blood; whose days have been spent in the grossest iniquity; whose ways have been the ways of a transgressor from the beginning? Now my brethren, ye remember that this was their language.

²⁵And moreover they did say: Let us take up arms against them, that we destroy them and their iniquity out of the land, lest they overrun us and destroy us.

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but behold my beloved Brethren we came into the wilderness not with the intent to destroy our Brethren but with the intent that perhaps we might save some few of their souls

now when our hearts were deprest & we were about to turn back behold the Lord comforted us & said go amongst thy brethren the Lamanites & beare with patience thine afflictions & I will give unto thee success

& now behold we have come & been forth amongst them & we have been patient in our sufferings & we have suffered every privation yea we have travelet from house to house refying upon the mercies of the world not upon the mercies of the world alone but upon the mercies of God

& we have entered into their houses & taught them & we have taught them in their streets yea & we have taught them upon their hills & we have also entered into their temppls & their Synagogs & taught them & we have been cast out & moked & spit upon & smote upon our cheeks & w^e have been stoned & taken & bound with strong cords & cast into prison & throught the power & wisdom of God we have been delivered again

& w^e have suffered all manner of afflictions & all this that perhaps we might be the mea^{ns} of saving some Soul & we supposed that our joy would be full if perhaps we could be the means of saving some

now behold we can look forth & see the fruits of our labouss & are they few I say unto you nay they are many yea & we can **240** wetness of their sincerity because of their love towards their Brethren & also towards us

for behold they had rather sacrificse their lived thon ever to take the life of their enemy & they have buried there weopors of war deep in the earth because of their love towards their Brethren

& now behold I say unto you has their ^{t^{been}} her so great love in all the land behold I say unto you nay there has not even among the Nephites

26But behold, my beloved brethren, we came into the wilderness not with the intent to destroy our brethren, but with the intent that perhaps we might save some few of their souls.

27Now when our hearts were depressed, and we were about to turn back, behold, the Lord comforted us, and said: Go amongst thy brethren, the Lamanites, and bear[] with patience thine afflictions, and I will give unto you success.

28And now behold, we have come, and been forth amongst them; and we have been patient in our sufferings, and we have suffered every privation; yea, we have traveled from house to house, relying upon the mercies of the world—not upon the mercies of the world alone but upon the mercies of God.

29And we have entered into their houses and taught them, and we have taught them in their streets; yea, and we have taught them upon their hills; and we have also entered into their temples and their synagogues and taught them; and we have been cast out, and mocked, and spit upon, and smote upon our cheeks; and we have been stoned, and taken and bound with strong cords, and cast into prison; and through[] the power and wisdom of God we have been delivered again.

30And we have suffered all manner of afflictions, and all this, that perhaps we might be the means of sav[]ing some soul; and we supposed that our joy would be full if perhaps we could be the means of sav[]ing some.

31Now behold, we can look forth and see the fruits of our labo[]rs; and are they few? I say unto you, Nay, they are many; yea, and we can witness of their sincerity, because of their love towards their brethren and also towards us.

32For behold, they had rather sacrifice their lives than even to take the life of their enemy; and they have buried their weapons of war deep in the earth, because of their love towards their brethren.

33And now behold I say unto you, has there []been[] so great love in all the land? Behold, I say unto you, Nay, there has not, even among the Nephites.

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for behold they would tak~~ing~~ up arms against their Brethren they would not suffer themselves to be slain but behold how many of these have laid down their leves & we Know that they have gone to their God because of their love & of their hatred to sin

now have we not reason to rejoice yea I say unto you there never was men that had so great reason to rejoice as we since the world began yea & my joy is carri^{ed} aw^{ay} his Brethren ofe People of AntiNephiLehi even unto boasting in my God for he has all power all wisdom & all understanding he comprehendeth all things & he is a mercibil being even unto salvation to those who will repent & believe on his name

now if this is boasting even so will I boast for this is my life & my light my joy & my salvation & my redemption from everlasting wo yea blessed is the mame of my God who hath been mindful of this people who ^{are} is a branch of the tree of Israel & hath been lost from its boddy in a strange land yea I say blessed be the name of my God who hath been mindful of us wanderers in a strange land

now my brethren we see that God is mindful of every people in whatsoever land they may be in yea he numbereth his people & his bowels of mercy is over all the earth now this is my ~~g~~ joy & my great thanks giving yea & I will give thanks unto my God forever Amen

³⁴For behold, they would take[] up arms against their brethren; they would not suffer themselves to be slain. But behold how many of these have laid down their lives; and we know that they have gone to their God, because of their love and of their hatred to sin.

³⁵Now have we not reason to rejoice? Yea, I say unto you, there never were men that had so great reason to rejoice as we, since the world began; yea, and my joy is carried away, [X X _ _ _ X X XXX] even unto boasting in my God; for he has all power, all wisdom, and all understanding; he comprehendeth all things, and he is a merciful Being, even unto salvation, to those who will repent and believe on his name.

³⁶Now if this is boasting, even so will I boast; for this is my life and my light, my joy and my salvation, and my redemption from everlasting wo. Yea, blessed is the name of my God, who has[] been mindful of this people, who are [X] a branch of the tree of Israel, and has[] been lost from its bod[]y in a strange land; yea, I say, blessed be the name of my God, who has[] been mindful of us, wanderers in a strange land.

³⁷Now my brethren, we see that God is mindful of every people, whatsoever land they may be in; yea, he numbereth his people, and his bowels of mercy are over all the earth. Now this is my [] joy, and my great thanks[]giving; yea, and I will give thanks unto my God forever.[] Amen.