

A lma 13

¹& again my Brethren I would Cite your minds forwards to the time which the Lord God gave these commandments unto his children

& I would that ye should remember that the Lord God ordained Priests after his holy order which was after the order of his son

to teach these things unto the people

²and those Priests were ordained after the order of his son in a manner that thereby the people might know in what manner to look forward to his Son for redemption

³and this is the manner after which they were ordained being Called and prepared from the foundation of the world according to the fore knowledge of God

on account of their exceeding faith and good works

in the first place being left to Choose good or evil

therefore they having chosen good exercising exceeding great faith are called with a holy calling

yea with that holy calling which was prepared

with and according to a preperatory redemption for such

⁴and thus they having been called to this holy calling on account of their faith while others would \diamond reject the spirit of God

on account of the hardness of their hearts and blindness of their minds while if it had not been for this

they might had as great privilege as their Brethren

⁵or in fine in the first place they were on the same standing with their Brethren thus this holy calling Being prepared from the foundation of the world

for such as would not harden their hearts

being in & through the atonement of the only begotten Son which was prepared

⁶and thus being Called by this holy Calling

and ordained unto the high Priesthood of the holy order of God

to teach his Commandments unto the children of men

that they also might enter into his rest

⁷this highpriesthood being after the order of his son

which order was from the foundation of the world ¹

or in other words being without beginneng of days or end of years

being prepared from eternity to all eternity

according to his foreknowledge of all things

⁸now they were ordained after this manner

being Called with a holy Calling and ordained with a holy ordinance

and takeing upon themselves the high Priesthood of the holy order

which calling and ordinance and high Priesthood is without beginning or end

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⁹thus they become high Priests forever
after the order of the son of the only begotten of the Father
which is without beginning of days or end of years
which is full of Grace equity and truth
and thus it is
Amen——

Chapter 10th.

¹⁰Now as I said concerning the holy Order or this High Priesthood
there were many which were Ordained and became high Priests of God
& it was on account of the exceeding faith and repentance
and their righteousness before God
they chooseing to repent and work righteousness rather than to perish
¹¹therefore they were Called after this holy order and were sanctified
& their garments were washed white through the blood of the Lamb
¹²now they after being sanctified by the Holy Ghost
having their garments made white
being pure and spotless before God
could not look upon sin save it were with abhorrence
and there were many, ~~an~~ exceeding great many ~~made~~ which were made pure
and entered into the rest of the Lord their God;

¹³& now my Brethren I would that ye should humble yourselves before God
and bring forth fruit Mete for repentance
that ye may also enter into that rest
¹⁴yea humlle yourselves even as the people in the days of Melchezidek
who was also a high Priest after this same order which I have spoken
who also took upon him the high priesthood forever.
¹⁵and it was this same Melchezidek to whom Abraham paid tithes
yea even our Father Abraham paid tithes of one tenth part of all he possessed.
¹⁶now their ordinances were given after this manner
that thereby the people might look forward on the Son of God
it being a type of his Order or it being his Order
and this that they might look forward to Him for a remission of their sins
that they might enter into their rest of the Lord,

¹⁷Now this Melchesidek was a King over the land of Salem
and his people had waxed strong in iniquity and abomination
yea they had all gone astray
they were full of all manner of wickedness

¹⁸but Melchisedek having exercised mighty faith
and received the office of the high Priesthood
according to the holy order of God
did preach repentance unto his people,
and behold they did repent
and Melchisedek did establish Peace in the Land in his days,
therefore he was Called the Prince of Peace
for he was the King of Salem
and he did Reign under his Father.

¹⁹now there were many before him
and also there were many afterwards
but none were greater
therefore of him they have more particularly made mention,
²⁰now I need not rehearse the matter
what I have said may suffice
behold the scriptures are before you
if ye will arrest them it shall be to your own destruction

²¹& now it came to pass that when Alma had said these words unto them
he stretched forth his hand unto them & cried with a mighty voice saying
now is the time to repent
for the day of salvation draweth nigh

²²yea & the voice of the Lord by the mouth of Angels
doth declare it unto all nations
yea doth declare it that they may have glad tidings of great joy
^{yea} & he doth sound these glad tidings among all his People
yea even to them that are scattered abroad upon the face of the earth
wherefore they have come unto us

²³& they are made known unto us in plain terms
that we may understand that we cannot err
& this because of our being wanderers in a strange land
therefore we are thus highly favoured
for we have these glad tidings declared unto us in all parts of our vineyard

²⁴for behold angels are declaring it unto many at this time in our land
& this is for the purpose of preparing the hearts of the children of men
for to receive his word at the time of his coming in his glory

²⁵& now we only wait to hear the joyful news
declared unto us by the mouth of angels
of his coming
for the time cometh
we know not how soon
would to God that it might be in my day
but let it be sooner or later
in it I will rejoice

²⁶& it shall be ^{made} known unto just & holy men
by the mouth of angels at the time of his coming
that the words of our fathers might be fulfilled
according to that which they have spoken concerning him
which was according to the spirit of prophesy which was in them

²⁷& now my brethren I wish from the inmost part of my heart
yea with great anxiety even unto pain
that ye would hearken unto my words & cast off your sins
& not procrastinate the day of your repentance

²⁸but that ye would humble yourselves before the Lord
& call on his holy name & watch & pray continually
that ye may not be tempted above that which ye can bear
& thus be led by the holy spirit
becoming humble meek submissive patient full of love & all long suffering

²⁹having faith on the Lord
having a hope that ye shall receive eternal life
having the love of God always in your hearts
that ye may be lifted up at the last day & enter into his rest

³⁰& may the Lord grant unto you repentance
that ye may not bring down his wrath upon you
that ye may not be bound down by the chains of hell
that ye may not suffer the second death

³¹& it came to pass that
Alma spake many more words unto the People
which are not written in this Book