

## Alma 24

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass the Amelicites th the Amulonites & the Lamanites  
which were in the Land of Amulon & also in the land of Helem

& which was in the Land of Jerusalem

& in fine in all the land round about

which had not been converted

& had not taken upon them the name of AntiNephiLehi

were stered up by the Amalekites &<sup>by</sup> the Amulonites

to angar against their Brethren

<sup>2</sup>& their hatred became exceding sore againts them

even somuch that they began to rebell against their king

insomuch that they would not that ~~they~~ he should be their king

therefore they took up arms against the People of AntiNephiLehi

<sup>3</sup>now the king confereed the Kingdom upon his Son

& he called hes name AntiNephiLehi

<sup>4</sup>& the King died in that selfsame year

that the Lamanites began to make preperations for war against the people of <sup>God</sup> 1

<sup>5</sup>now when Ammen & his Brethren & all those which had come up with him

saw the preperations of the Lamanites to destroy their brethren

they came forth to the land of Medeon

& there Ammon met all his brethren

& from thence they came to the land of Ishmael

that they might hold a council with Lamoni

& also with his Brother AnteNephiLehi

what they should do to defend themselves against the Lamanites

<sup>6</sup>now there was not one Soul among all the people

which had been converted unto the Lord

that would take up arms against their Brethren

~~m~~<sup>may</sup>ey they would not even make any preperations for war

yea & also their King comnaanded them that they should not

<sup>7</sup>now these are the words which he said unto the People concerning the matter

I thank my God my beloved ~~brethren~~ People

that our great God has in gootness sent these our brethren the Nephites unto us

to preach unto us & to convince us of the traditions of our wicked fathers

<sup>8</sup>& Behold I thank my great God

that he has given us a portion of his spirit to soften our hearts

that we have opened a corrispondance with these Brethren the Nephites

<sup>9</sup>& behold I also thank my God that by opening this corrispondence

we have been convinced of our Sins

& of the many mureers which we have committed

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<sup>1</sup> OM Header = his speech to hes

<sup>10</sup>& I also thank my God yea my great God  
that he hath granted unto us that we might repent of these things  
& also that he hath forgiven us  
of these our many sins & murders which we have committed  
& took away the guilt from our hearts through the merits of his Son

<sup>11</sup>& now behold my brethren  
since it has been all that we could do  
as we were the most lost of all mankind  
to repent of all our sins the many murders which we have committed  
& to get God to take them away from our hearts  
for it was all we could do to repent sufficiently before God  
that he would take away our stains

<sup>12</sup>now my best beloved Brethren  
since God hath taken away our stains & our swords have become bright  
then let us stain our swords no more with the blood of our Brethren

<sup>13</sup>behold I say unto you  
nay let us retain our swords that they be not stained with the blood of our brethren  
for perhaps if we should stain our swords again  
they can no more be washed bright through the blood of the Son of our great God  
which shall be shed for the atonement of our Sins

<sup>14</sup>& the great God has had mercy on us  
& made these things known unto us that we might not perish  
yea & he hath made these things made known unto us beforehand  
because he loveth our souls as well as he loveth our children  
therefore in his mercy he hath visited us by his Angels  
that the plan<sup>2</sup> of salvation might be made known unto us  
as well as unto future Generations

<sup>15</sup>O how merciful is our God

& now behold since it has been as much as we could do  
to get our stains taken away from us & our swords are made bright  
let us have them away that they may be kept bright  
as a testimony to our God at the last day  
or at the day that we shall be brought to stand before him to be judged  
that we have not stained our swords in the blood of our brethren  
since he imparted his word unto us & has made us clean thereby

<sup>16</sup>& now my brethren if our brethren seek to destroy us  
behold we will hide away our swords  
yea even we will bury them deep in the earth  
that they may be kept bright  
as a testimony that we have never used them  
at the last day  
& if our brethren destroy us  
behold we shall go to our God & shall be saved

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<sup>2</sup> OM Header = laid

<sup>17</sup>& now it came to pass that  
when the king had made an end of the sayings  
& all the people were assembled together  
they took their swords & all the weapons  
which were used for the shedding of <sup>mans</sup> blood  
& they did bury them up deep in the earth  
<sup>18</sup>& thiss they did  
it being in their view a testimony to God & also to men  
that they never would use weapons again for the shedding of mans blood

& this they did vouching & covenanting with God that  
rather then to shed the blood of their Brethren  
they would give up their own lives  
& rather then to take away from a Brother  
they would give unto him  
& rather than to spend their days in idlenees  
they would labour abundantly with their hands

<sup>19</sup>& thus we see that  
when these Lamanites were brought to lerieve & to know the truth  
they were firm & would suffer even unto death rather than to commit sin  
& thus we see that they buryed the weapons of Peace  
or they buryed the weonons of war for peace

<sup>20</sup>& it came to pass that their Brethren the Lamanites made prepartions for war  
& came up to the land of Nephi tor the purpose of dethronning the King  
& to place another in his stead  
& also of destroying the People of AnteNephiLehi out of the land

<sup>21</sup>& it came to pass that whem the people saw ~~th~~ that they were coming against them  
they went out to meet them & prostraded themselves before them to the ~~sa~~ earth  
& began to call on the name of the Lord  
& thus they were in this ~~attituaal~~ attetude  
when the Lamanites began to fall upon them  
& began to slay them with the sword

<sup>22</sup>& thus without meeting any resistance they did slay a theusand & five of theme  
& we know that they are blessed  
for they have gone to dwell with their God

<sup>23</sup>now when the Lamanites saw that their Brethren would not flee from the sword  
neither would they turn aside <sup>3</sup>be the right hand or to the left  
but that they would lay down & perish  
& praided God even in the verry act of perishing under the sword

<sup>24</sup>now when the Lamanites saw this  
they did forbear from slaying them  
& there were many ~~whi~~<sup>wh</sup> whose hearts had swollen in them  
~~whem~~ for those of their brethren who had fillen under the sword  
for they repented of the thing which they had done

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<sup>3</sup> OM Header = they turn to the

<sup>25</sup> & it came to pass that they threw down their weapons of war  
& they would not take them again  
for they were sorrow for the murders which they had committed  
& they came ~~down~~ down even as their Brethren  
relying upon the mercies of those whose arms were lifted to slay them  
<sup>26</sup> & it came to pass that the people of God were joined <sup>that day</sup>  
by more than the number which had been slain  
& those which had been slain were righteous people  
therefore we have no reason to doubt but what they are saved  
<sup>27</sup> & there was not a wicked man slain among them  
but there were more than a thousand brought to the knowledge of the truth  
thus we see that the Lord worketh in many ways to the salvation of his people

<sup>28</sup> now the largestest number of those of the Lamanites  
which slew so many of their Brethren  
were Amelecites & Amulonites  
the greatest number of whom were after the order of the Nehors  
<sup>29</sup> now among those which joined the people of the Lord  
there were none which were Amalekites or Amulonites  
or which were after the order of Nehor  
but they were actual descendants of Lamaan & Lemuel  
<sup>30</sup> & thus we can plainly discern that  
after a people has been once enlightened by the spirit of God  
& hath had great knowledge of things pertaining to righteousness  
& then have fallen away into sin & transgression  
they become more hardened  
& thus their state becometh worse  
then as though they had never known these things