

A lma 37

¹& now my Son Helaman

I command you that ye take the ~~æek~~ Records
which have been entrusted with me

²& I also command you

that ye shall keep a Record of thes People
according as I have done

upon the plates of Nephi

& keep all these things sacred which I have kept
even as I have kept them

for it is for a wise pupporee that they are kept

³& these plates of Brass which contain these engraveings

which hove the Records of the holy Scriptures upon them

which hove the genealogy of our fore fathers even from the beginning

⁴& Behold it thath been Prophesied by our fahers

that they should be kept & harded down from me generation to enother

& he kept & preserved by the hand of the Lord

untill they should go forth unto every Nation Kindred Tounque & People

thot they shall know of the mysteries contained thereon

⁵& now behold if they are kept they must retain there brightness

yea & they will retain their brightness

yea & also shall all the plates which do contain that which is holy ~~w#~~ writ

⁶now ye may suppose that thes is foolishness in me

but behold I say unto you

that sy small & simple things are great things brought to pass

& slall neans in many instances doth cenfound the wise

⁷& the Lord God doth work by means

to bring about his great & eternal purposes

& by ~~smal~~ verry small means the Lord doth confound the wise

& bringeth about the salvation of many souls

⁸& now it hath ~~be~~ hitherto been wisdom in God

that these things ^{should be preserved} I

for behold they have enlarged the memory of thes People

yea & convinced many of the error of their ways

& brought them to the knowledge of their God

unto the salvation of their souls

⁹ye I ~~sayeth~~ say unto you

were it not for these ~~plat~~^{things} ~~es~~ that these records do ^{contain} which are on these plates

Ammon & his Brethren could not have convinced

so many thousands of the Lamanites of the incorrect ~~tradition~~ of their fathers

yea these Records & their words brought them unto repentance

that is they brought them to the knowledee of the Lord their God

& to rejoice in Jesus Christ their redeemer

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¹⁰& who knoweth but what they will be the means
of bringing many thousands of them
yea & also many thousands of our stiffnecked brethren the Nephites
which are now hardening their hearts in sins & iniquities
to the knowledge of their Redeemer

¹¹Now these mysteries are not yet fully made known unto me
therefore I shall forbear

¹²& it may suffice if I only say
they are preserved for a wise purpose
which purpose is known unto God
for he doth counsel in wisdom over all his words
& his paths are straight
& his course is one Eternal round

¹³O remember remember my Son Helaman
how strict are the Commandments of God
& he saith
if ye will keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land
but if ye keep not his precepts ye shall be cut off from his presence

¹⁴& now remember my Son
that God hath entrusted you with these things which are sacred
which he hath kept sacred
& also which he will keep & preserve for a wise purpose in him
that he may shew forth his power unto future Generations

¹⁵& now Behold I tell you by the spirit of Prophecy
that if ye transgress the commandments of God
behold these things which are sacred
shall be taken away from you by the Power of God
& ye shall be delivered up unto Satan
that he may sift you as chaff before the wind

¹⁶but if we keep the commandments of God
& do with these things which are sacred
according to that which the Lord doth command you
for you must appeal unto the Lord
for all things whatsoever ye must do with them
behold no power of Earth or Hell can take them from you
for God is powerful to the fulfilling of all his words

¹⁷for he will fulfil as his promises which he shall make unto you
for he hath fulfilled his promise which he hath made unto our fathers

¹⁸for he promised unto them
that he would preserve these things for a wise purpose in him
that he might shew forth his power unto future generations

¹⁹& now behold one purpose hath he fulfilled
even to the restoration of many thousands of the Lemanites
to the Knowledge ^{of the truth} ² of the truth
& he hath shewn forth his power in them
& he will also still shew forth his power in them unto future Generations
therefore they shall be preserved
²⁰therefore I command you my Son Helaman
that ye be diligent in fulfilling all my word
& that ye be diligent in keeping the commandments of God
as they are written

²¹& now I will speak unto you concerneng those twenty four plates
that ye keep them
that the mysteries & the works of darkness & their secret works
or the secret works of those People which have been destroyed
may be made manifest unto this people
yea all their murders & robings & their plunderings
& all their wickedness & abominations may be manifest manifest unto 'his People
yea & that ye preserve these directors

²²for behold the Lord saw that his Peeple began to work in darkness
yea work secret murders & ~~amom~~ abominations
therefor the Lord said
if they did not repent
they should be destroyed from off the face of the earth

²³& the Lord said
I will prepare unto my servant Gazelem
a stone which shall shine forth in darkness unto light
that I may discover unto my People which serve me
that I may discover unto them the works of their brethren
yea their secret works there works of darkness
& their wickedness & abominations

²⁴now my Son these directors were prepared
thot the word of God might be fulfilled which he spake saying

²⁵I will bring forth out of darkness unto light
all their secret works & their abominations
& except they repent I will destroy them from off the face of the Earth
& I will bring to light all their secrets & abominations
unto every Nation which shall hereafter possess the land

²⁶& now my Son we see the^t they did not repent
therefore they have been destroyed
& thus far the word ^{of God} hath been fulfilled
yea their ~~w~~secret abominations have been brought out of darkness
& made known unto us

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²⁷ & now my Son I command you
that ye retain all therr oaths & therr covenants
& therr agreements in their Secred abominations
yea & all their signs & ^{their} wonders ye shall retain from this People
that they know them not
~~th~~ lest peradventure they should fall into darkness also & be destroid
²⁸ for behold there is a curse upon all this land
that destruction shall come upon all those workers of darkness
according to the power of God
when they are fully ripe
& therefore I desire that this People might not be destroyed
²⁹ therefore ye shall keep
these secret plans of their Oaths & therr covenants
from this People
& ~~ow~~ only their wickedness & therr murders & their abominations
shall ye make known unto them
& ye shall teach them to abhor such wickedness & abominations & murders

& ye shall also teach them that those people were destroid
on account of their wickedness & abominations & therr murders
³⁰ for behold they murdered all the Propets of the Lord
which came among them to declare unto them comerning their iniquities
& the blood of those which they ³ murdered did cry unto the Lord their God
for vengence upon those which were their murderers
& thus the Judgments of God did come
upon them workers of darkness & secret combinations
³¹ yea & cursed be the land forever & ever
unto those workers of darkness & secret combinations even unto destruction
except they repent before they are ~~only~~^{fully} ripe

³² & now my Son remember the words which I hare spoken unto you
trust not those secret plans unto this people
but teach them an everlasting hatred agaiist sin & iniquity
³³ preach unto them repentance & faith on the Lord Jesus Christ
teach them to humble themselves & to be meek & lowly in heart
teach them to withstand every temptation of the Devil
with their faith on the Lord Jesus Christ
³⁴ teach them to never be weary of good works
but to be meak & lowly in heart
for such shall find rest to their souls

³⁵ O remember my son & learn wisdom in thy Youth
yea learn in thy Youth to keep ahe commandments of God

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³⁶yea & cry unto God for all thy support
yea let all thy doings be unto the Lord
& whither soever thou goest
let it be in the Lord
yea let all thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord
yea let the affections of thy heart be pleased upon the Lord forever
³⁷Counsel the Lord in all thy doings
& he will direct thee for good
yea when thou liest down at night
lie down with the Lord
that he may watch over you in your sleep
& when thou risest in the morning
Let thy heart be full of thanks unto God
& if ye always do these things
ye shall be lifted up at the last day

³⁸& now my Son I have somewhat to say
concerning the thing which our Fathers call a ball or director
or our Fathers called it Liahona
which is being interpreted interpered a compass
so the Lord prepared it
³⁹& behold there cannot any man work
after the manner of so curious a workmanship
& behold it was prepared to shew unto our Fathers
the courses which they should travel in the wilderness
⁴⁰& it did work for them according to their faith in God
therefore if they had faith so believe
that God could cause that those spindles should point the way they should go
behold it was done
therefore they had this miracle
& also many other miracles
were wrought by the power of God day by day
⁴¹nevertheless because those miracles were worked by small means
nevertheless it did shew unto them marvelous work
they were slothful & forget to exercise their faith & diligence
& then those marvelous works ceased
& they did not progress in their journey
⁴²therefore they tarried in the wilderness
or did not travel a direct course
& were afflicted with hunger & thirst because of their transgression

⁴³& now my Son I would that ye should understand
that these things are not without a shadow
for as our Fathers were soothful to give heed to this compass
now these things were temporal
they did not prosper
even so it is with⁴ things which are spiritual
⁴⁴for behold it is^{as} easy to give heed to the word of Christ
which will point to you a strait course to eternal bliss
as it was for our fathers to give head to the Compass
which would point unto them a strait course to the promised land

⁴⁵& now I say
is there not a type in this thing
for just as surely as this director did bring our Fathers
by following its course to the promised land
shall the word of Christ if ye follow its course carry us
beyond this vale of tears into a far better land of promise

⁴⁶O my Son do not let us be slothful because of the easiness of the way
for so was it with our Fathers
for so was it prepared for them
that if they would look they might live
even so it is with us
the way is prepared
& if we will Look we may live forever

⁴⁷& now my Son see that ye take Care of these Sacred things
yea see that ye look to God & live
go unto this People & declare the word
& be sober
my Son farewell—

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