

## Alma 60

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass that he wrote again  
to the governor of the land which was Pahoron  
& these are the words which he wrote saying  
behold I direct mine epistle to Pahoron in the city of Zarahemla  
which is the Chief Judge & the governor over the land  
& also to all those who hath been chosen by this People  
to govern & manage the affairs of this war

<sup>2</sup>for behold I have some what to say unto them by the way of condemnation  
for behold ye yourselves know  
that ye have been appointed by<sup>to</sup> gather together men  
& arm them with swords & with Simeters  
& all manner of weapons<sup>of</sup> war &<sup>of</sup> every kind  
& send forth against the Lamanites  
in whatsoever parts they should come into our land

<sup>3</sup>& now behold I say unto you  
that myself & also my men & also Helaman & his men  
have suffered exceeding great sufferings  
yea even hunger thirst & fateague & all manner of afflictions of every kind

<sup>4</sup>but behold were this all we had suffered  
we would not murmur nor complain

<sup>5</sup>but behold great has been the slaughter among the people  
yea thousands have fallen by the sword  
while it might have otherwise been  
if ye had rendered unto our armies sufficient strength & succor for them  
yea great has been your neglect towards us

<sup>6</sup>& now dehold we desire to know the cause of this exceeding great neglect  
yea we desere to know the cause of your thoughtless state

<sup>7</sup>can you think to sit upon your throans in a state of thoughtless stupor  
while your enemies are spreading the work of death around you  
yea while th<sup>o</sup>y are murdereng thousands of your Brethren

<sup>8</sup>yea even they which have looked up to you for protection  
yea have plased you in a situation that ye might have succoured them  
yea ye meght have sent armees unto them to have strengthened them  
◊& have saved thousands of them from falling by the sword

<sup>9</sup>but behold this is ◊◊ all  
ye have withheld your provisions from them  
insomuch that many have faught & bled out their lires  
because of their great deseves which they had for the welfare of this People  
yea & this they have done when they were about to perish with hungar  
because of you<sup>f</sup> exceeding great neglect towards them

<sup>10</sup>& now my beloved Brethren  
for ye had ought to be beloved yea  
& ye had ought to have stired yourselves more diligently  
for the wellfare & the freedom of this People  
but behold ye have neglected them  
in so much that the blood of thousands shall come upon your heads for vengeance  
yea for known unto God were all their cries & all their sufferings  
<sup>11</sup>behold could ye suppose that ye could sit upon your throans  
& because of the excedeng goodness of God  
ye could do nothing & he would deliver you  
behold if ye have supposed this ye have supposed invain  
<sup>12</sup>do ye suppose that because so many of your Brethren have been Kelled  
because of their wickedness  
I say unto you  
if ye have supposed this ye have supposed invair  
for I say unto you  
their are many which have fallen by the sword  
& behold it is to your condemnation  
<sup>13</sup>for the Lord suffereth the righteous to be slain  
that his Justice & Judgment may come upon the wickedd  
therefore ye Kneed not suppose  
that the righteous are lost because they are slain  
but behold they do enter into the rest of the Lord their God

<sup>14</sup>& now behold I say unto you  
I fear excedingly that the Judgments of God will come upon y<sup>o</sup><sup>this</sup> people  
because of their exceding slothfulness  
yea even the slothfulness of our govornment  
& their exceding great neglect towards their brethren  
yea <sup>towards</sup> those which have been slain  
<sup>15</sup>for were it not for the wickedness which first commenced at our head  
we could have withstood our enemies  
that they could have gained no power over us  
<sup>16</sup>yea had it not been for the war which broke out among ourselves  
yea were it not for those Kingmen  
which caused so much bloodshed among ourselves  
yea at the time we were contending among ourselves  
if we had united our strength as we hetherdo <sup>have</sup> done  
yea had it not been for the desire of wwer & authority  
which those King men had over us  
had they been true to the cause of our freedom  
& united with us & gone forth against oor enemies  
inseed of takeing tp <sup>o~~u~~r</sup> <sup>thei~~r~~r</sup> swords against us  
which was the cause of so much bloodshed among ourselves  
yea if we had gone forth against them in the strength of the Lord  
we should have despersed our enemies  
for it would have been done according to thee fulfilleng of his word

<sup>17</sup>but behold now the Lamanites are coming up on us  
& they are murdering our People with the sword  
yea our women & our Children  
taking possession of our lands  
& also carrying them away captive  
causing them that they should suffer all manner of afflictions  
& this because of the great wickedness of those  
who are seeking for power & authority  
yea even those Kingmen

<sup>18</sup>but why should I say much concerning this matter  
for we know not but what ye yourselves are seeking for authority  
we know not but what ye are also traitors to your country  
<sup>19</sup>or is it that ye have neglected us  
because ye are in the heart of our country  
& ye are surrounded by security  
that ye do not cause food to be sent unto us  
& also men to strengthen our armies

<sup>20</sup>have ye forgot the Commandments of the Lord your God  
yea have ye forgot the captivity of our Fathers  
have ye forgot the many times  
which have been delivered out of the hands of our enemies  
<sup>21</sup>or do ye suppose that the Lord will still deliver us  
while we sit upon our thrones & do not make use of the means  
which the Lord hath provided for us  
<sup>22</sup>yea will ye sit in idleness while ye are surrounded with thousands of those  
yea & tens of thousands which do also sit in idleness  
while there are thousands round about in the borders of the land  
which are falling by the sword yea wounded & bleeding  
<sup>23</sup>do ye suppose that God will look upon you as guiltless  
while ye sit still & behold these things  
behold I say unto you nay

now I would that ye should remember that God hath said  
that the inward vessel shall be cleansed first  
& then shall the outer vessel be cleansed also  
<sup>24</sup>& now except ye do repent of that which ye have done  
& begin to be up & doing & send forth food & men  
unto us & also unto Helaman  
that he may support those parts of our country which he hath obtained  
that we may also recover the remainder of our possessions in these parts  
behold it will be expedient that we contend no more with the Lamanites  
until we have first cleansed our ~~inner~~<sup>inner</sup> vessel  
yea even the great head of our government

<sup>25</sup>& except ye grant mine Epistle  
& come out & shew unto me a true spirit of freedom  
& try to strengthen & fortify our armies  
& grant unto them food for their support  
behold I will leave a part of my Freemen to maintain this part of our land  
& I will leave the strength & ~~&~~ of the blessings of God upon them  
that none other power can operate against them  
<sup>26</sup>& this because of their exceding faith & their patience in their tribulations  
<sup>27</sup>& I will come unto you  
& if there be any among you that hath a desire for freedom  
yea if there be even a spark of freedom remaining  
behold I will stir up insurrections among you  
even until those who hath desires to usurp power & authority  
shall become extinct  
<sup>28</sup>yea behold I do not fear your power nor your authority  
but it is my God whom I fear  
& it is according to his commandments  
that I do take my sword to defend the cause of my country  
& it is because of your iniquity that we havee suffered so much loss

<sup>29</sup>behold it is time yea the time is<sup>now</sup> at hand  
that except ye do bestir yourselves  
in the defence of your country & your little ones  
the sword of Justice doth hang over you  
yea & it shall fall upon you & visit you  
even to your utter destruction  
<sup>30</sup>behold I wait for assistance from you  
& except ye do administer unto our relief  
behold I come unto you even into the land of Zarahemla  
& smite you with the sword  
insomuch that ye can have no more power  
to impede the progress of this people in the cause of our freedom

<sup>31</sup>for behold the Lord will not suffer  
that ye shall live & wax strong in your iniquities to destroy his righteous people  
<sup>32</sup>behold can you suppose that the Lord will spare you  
& come out in judgment against the Lamanites  
when it is the tradition of their fathers that hath caused t<sup>their</sup> ~~heir~~ hatred  
yea & it hath been redoubled by those which have dissented from us  
while your iniquity is for the cause of your love of glory  
& the vain things of the world  
<sup>33</sup>ye know that ye do transgress the laws of God  
& ye do know that ye do trample them under your feet

behold the Lord saith unto me  
if those whom ye have appointed your governors  
do not repent of their sins & iniquities  
ye shall go up to battle against them

<sup>34</sup>& now behold I Moroni am constrained  
according to the covenant which I have made  
to keep the commandments of<sup>my</sup> God  
therefore I would that ye should adhere to the word of God  
& send speedily unto me of your provisions & of your men  
& also to Helaman

<sup>35</sup>& behold if ye will not do this  
I come unto you speedily  
for behold God will not suffer that we should perish with hunger  
therefore he will give unto us of your food  
even if it must be by the sword  
now see that ye fulfil the word of God

<sup>36</sup>behold I am Moroni your Chief captain  
I seek not for power but to pull it down  
I seek not for honour of the world  
but for the glory of my God & the freedom & welfare of my country  
& thus I close mine Epistle