

Enos 1

The Book of Enos

Chapter first

¹Behold it came to pass that
I Enos knowing my father that he was a just man
for he taught me in his language
& also in the nurture & admonition of the Lord
& blessed be the name of my God for it
²& I will tell you of the wrestle which I had before God
before that I received a remission of my sins
³behold I went to hunt beasts in the forest
& the words which I had often heard my father speak
concerning eternal life & the joy of the saints
& the words of my father sunk deep into my heart
⁴& my soul hungered
& I kneeled down before my maker
& I cried unto him in mighty prayer & supplication for mine own soul
& all the day long did I cry unto him
yea & when the night came I did still raise my voice high
that it reached the heavens

⁵& there came a voice unto me saying
Enos thy Sins are forgiven thee & thou shalt be blessed
⁶& I Enos knew that God could not lie
wherefore my guilt was swept away
⁷& I sayeth
Lord how is it done
⁸& he sayeth unto me
because of thy faith in Christ
whom thou hast not heard nor seen
& many years passeth away
before that he shall manifest himself in the flesh
wherefore go to it
thy faith hath made thee whole

⁹now it came to pass that when I had heard these words
I began to feel a desire for the welfare of my Brethren the Nephites
wherefore I did pour out my whole soul unto God for them

¹⁰& while I was thus struggleing in the spirit
behold the voice of the Lord came into my mind again sayiing
I will visit thy Brethren
according to their diligence in keeping my commandments,
I have given unto them this lard
& it is a holy land
& I curse it not save it be for the cause of iniquity
wherefore I will visit thy Brethren according as I have said
& their transgressions will I bring down with sorrow upon their ^{own}heads

¹¹& after that I Enos had heard these words
my faith began to be unshaken in the Lord
& I prayed unto him with many long struggleings
for my Brethren the Lamanites

¹²& it came to pass that
after I had prayed & laboured with all diligence
the Lord said unto me
I will grant unto thee according to thy desires because of thy faith

¹³& now behold this was the desire which I desired of him
that if it should so be that my people the Nephites should fall into transgression
& by any means be destroyed & the Lamanites should not be destroyed
that the Lord God would preserve a record of my People the Nephites
even if it so be by the Power of his holy arm
that it might be brought forth some future day unto the Lamanites
that perhaps they might be broughtt unto Salvation

¹⁴for at the presant our struggleings were vain
in restoreeng them to the true faith
& they swore in their wrath
that if it were possible
they would destroy our records & us
& also all the traditions of our fathers

¹⁵wherefore I knowing
that the Lord God was able to preserve our records
I cried unto him continually
for he had said unto me
whatsoever ~~thing~~^{thing} ye shall ask in faith
believeing that ye shall receive
in the name of Christ
ye shall receive it

¹⁶& I had faith & I did cry unto God
that he would preserve the records
& he covenanted with me
that he would bring them forth unto the Lamanites in his own due time

¹⁷& I Enos knew that it would be according to the covenant which he had made
wherefore my Soul did rest

¹⁸& the Lord said unto me
thy fathers have also required of me this thing
& it shall be done unto them according to their faith
for their faith was like unto thine

¹⁹& now it came to pass that
I Enos went about among the People of Nephi
prophesying of things to come
& testifying of the things which I had heard & seen
²⁰& I bear record that the People of Nephi did seek diligently
to restore the Lamanites unto the true faith in God
but our labours were vain
their hatred was fixed
& they were lead by their evil nature
that they became wild & ferocious
& a bloodthirsty People full of idolitry & filthiness
feading upon beasts of pray
dwelling in tents & wandering about in the wilderness
with a short skin girted about their loins & their heads shaven
& their skill was in the bow & the Simeter & the Axe
& may of them did eat nothing save it was raw meat
& they were continually seeking to destroy us

²¹& it came to pass that the People of Nephi did till the land
& raise all manner of grain & of frui◊
& flocks of herds & flocks of all manner of cattle of every kind
& goats & wild goats & also much horses

²²& there were exceding many prophets among us
& the People were a stiff necked People
hard to understand

²³& there was nothing save it was exceding harshness
preaching & prophesying of wars & contentions & destructions
& continually reminding them of death
& of the duration of eternity & the Judgments & the power of God
& all these things stiring them up continually
to keep them in the fear of the Lord
I say there was nothing short of these things
& exceding great plainness of speach
would keep them from going down speedily to destruction
& after this manner do I write concerning them

²⁴& I saw wars between the Nephites & the Lamanites in the course of my days

²⁵& it came to pass that I began to be ol◊
& an handred & seventy & nine years had passed away
from the time that our father Lehi◊ left Jerusalem

²⁶& as I saw that I must soon go down to my grave
haveing been wrought upon by the power of God
that I must preach & prophesy unto this People
& declare the word according to the truth which is in christ
& I have declared it in all my days
& have rejoiced in it above that of the world

²⁷& I soon go to the place of my rest
which is with my redeemer
for I know that in him I shall rest
& I rejoice in the day
when my mortal shall put on immortality
& shall stand before him
then shall I see his face with pleasure
& he will say unto me
come unto me ye blessed
there is a place prepared for you in the mansions of my Father.
Amen ——