

## Mosiah 18

<sup>1</sup>& now it came to pass that  
Alma who had fled from the servants of King Noah  
repented of his Sins & iniquities  
& went about privately among the People  
& began to teach the words of Abinadi  
<sup>2</sup>yea concerning that which was to come  
& also concerning the resurrection of the dead  
& the redemption of the People which was to be brought to pass  
through the power & sufferings & death of Christ  
& his resurrection & assension into heaven  
<sup>3</sup>& as many as would hear his word he did teach  
& he taught them privately  
that it might not come to the knowledge of the King  
& many did believe his words

<sup>4</sup>& it came to pass that  
as many as did believe him did go forth to a place which was called Mormon  
having received its name from the King  
being in the borders of the land  
having been infested by times or at seasons by wild beasts

<sup>5</sup>now there was in Mormon a fountain of pure water  
& Alma resorted thither  
there being near the water a thicket of small trees  
where he did hide himself in the daytime from the searches of the King

<sup>6</sup>& it came to pass that  
as many as believed him went ~~forth~~ thither to hear his words

<sup>7</sup>& it came to pass after many day  
there were a goodly number gathered together  
to the place of Mormon to hear the words of Alma  
yea all were gathered together that believed ~~on~~ on his word to hear him  
& he did teach them & did preach unto them  
repentance & redemption & faith on the Lord

<sup>8</sup>& it came to pass that he said unto them  
behold here is the water of Mormon  
for thus were they called  
& now as ye are desirous to come into the fold of God  
& to be called his People  
& are willing to bear one anothers burdens  
that they may be light

<sup>9</sup>yea & are willing to mourn with those that mourn  
yea & comfort those that stand in need of comfort  
& to stand as witnesses of God at all times & in all things  
& in all places that ye may be in  
even untill death  
that ye may be redeemed of God  
& be numbered with those of the first resurrection  
that ye may have eternal life  
<sup>10</sup>now I say unto you  
if this be the desires of your hearts  
what have you against being Baptised in the name of the Lord  
as a witness before him  
that ye have entered into a covenant with him  
that ye will serve him & keep his commandments  
that he may pour out his spirit more abundantly upon you

<sup>11</sup>& now when the People had heard these words  
they claped their hands for Joy & exclaimed  
this is the desires of our hearts

<sup>12</sup>& now it came to pass that Alma took Helaman  
he being one of the first  
& went & stood forth in the water & cried saying  
O Lord pour out thy spirit upon thy servant  
that he may do this work with holiness of heart

<sup>13</sup>& when he had said these words  
the spirit of the Lord was upon him & he said  
Helaman I baptise thee  
having from the Almighty God  
as a testimony that ye have entered into a covenant to serve him  
untill you are dead as to the Mortal body  
& may the spirit of the Lord be poured out upon you  
& may he grant unto you eternal life through the redemption of Christ  
which he hath prepared from the foundation of the world

<sup>14</sup>& after Alma had said these words  
both Alma & Helaman was buried in the water  
& they arose & came forth out of the water rejoicing  
being filled with the spirit

<sup>15</sup>& again Alma took another  
& went forth a second time into the water  
& baptised him according to the first  
only he did not bury himself again in the water

<sup>16</sup>& after this manner he did baptise every one  
that went forth to the place of Mormon  
& they were in number about two hundred & four souls  
& they were baptised in the waters of Mormon  
& were filled with the grace of God

<sup>17</sup>& they were ~~filled~~ called the church of God or the church of Christ  
from that time forward

& it came to pass that  
who soever was baptised by the power & authority of God  
they was ~~ad~~<sup>aded</sup> to his church

<sup>18</sup>& it came to pass that Alma having authority from God ordained Priests  
~~even one priest~~ to every fifty of their number did he ordain to preach unto them  
& to teach them concerning the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God

<sup>19</sup>& he commanded them that they should teach nothing  
save it were the things which he had taught  
& which had been spoken by the mouth of the holy Prophets  
<sup>20</sup>yea even he commanded them that they should Preach nothing  
save it were repentance & faith on the Lord who hath ~~de~~ redeemed his People  
<sup>21</sup>& he commanded them that there should be no contention one with another  
but that they should look forward with one eye  
having one faith & one baptism  
having their hearts knit together in unity & in love one towards another  
<sup>22</sup>& thus he commandeth them to preach  
& thus they became the children of God

<sup>23</sup>& he commanded them  
that they should observe the sabbath day & keep it holy  
& also every day they should give thanks to the Lord their God  
<sup>24</sup>& he also commanded them that the Priests which he had ordained  
should labour with their own hands for their support  
<sup>25</sup>& there was one day in every week that was set apart  
that they should gather themselves together to teach the People  
& to worship the Lord their God  
& also as often as it was in their power to assemble themselves together  
<sup>26</sup>& the Priests was not to depend upon the People for their support  
but for their labour they were to receive the grace of God  
that they might wax strong in the spirit  
having the knowledge of God  
that they might teach with power & authority from God

<sup>27</sup>& again Alma commanded  
that the People of the Church should impart of their substance  
every one according to that which he hath  
if he have more abundantly he should impart more abundantly  
& he that hath but little but little should be required  
& to him that hath not should be given  
<sup>28</sup>& thus they should impart of their substance  
of their own free will & good desires towards God

<sup>29</sup>& this he said unto them  
having been commanded of God  
& they did walk uprightly before God  
imparting to one another both temporally & spiritually  
according to their needs & their wants

<sup>30</sup>& now it came to pass that all this was done in Mormon  
yea by the waters of Mormon  
in the forest that was near the waters of Mormon  
yea the place of Mormon the waters of Mormon the forest of Mormon  
how beautiful are they to the eyes of them  
who there came to the knowledge of their redeemer  
yea & how blessed are they  
for they shall sing to his praise forever

<sup>31</sup>& these things were done in the borders of the land  
that they might not come to the knowledge of the king  
<sup>32</sup>but behold it came to pass that  
the king discovered a movement among the People  
sent his servants to watch them  
therefore on the day that they were assembleing themselves  
together to hear the word of the Lord  
they were ~~discoveres~~<sup>discovered</sup> unto the King

<sup>33</sup>& now the king saith  
that Alma was a stirring up the People to a rebellion against him  
therefore he sent his army to destroy them

<sup>34</sup>And it came to pass that  
Alma & the People of the Lord were apprised of the coming of the Kings army  
therefore they took their tents & their families & departed into the wilderness

<sup>35</sup>& they were in number about four hundred & fifty souls