

Mosiah 26

¹now it came to pass that there was many of the rising generation that could not understand the words of King Benjamin being little children at the time he spake unto his people and they did not believe the tradition of their fathers
²they did not believe what had been said concerning the resurrection of the dead neither did they believe concerning the coming of Christ
³and now because of their unbelief they could not understand the word of God and their hearts were hardened
⁴and they would not be baptised neither would they join the church and they were a separate people as to their faith and remained so ever after even in their carnal and sinful State for they would not call upon the Lord their God

⁵and now in the reign of Mosiah they were not half so numerous as the people of God but because of the desertions among the brethren they became more numerous

⁶for it came to pass that they did deceive many with their flattering words which were in the church & did cause them to commit many sins therefore it became expedient that those who committed Sin that was in the church should be admonished by the church

⁷and it came to pass that they were brought before the priests & delivered up unto the priests by the teachers & the priests brought them before Alma which ~~and the priests brought~~ was the high priest.

⁸Now King Mosiah had given Alma the authority over the church

⁹and it came to pass that Alma did know concerning them for there were many witnesses against them yea the people stood & testified of their iniquity in abundance

¹⁰now there had not any such thing happened before in the church therefore Alma was troubled in his spirit & he caused that they should be brought before the King

¹¹& he saith unto the King behold here are many which we have brought before thee which are accused of their brethren yea & they have been taken in divers iniquities and they do not repent of their iniquities therefore we have brought them before thee that thou may judge them according to their crimes

¹²but, King Mosiah saith unto Alma
behold I judge them not
therefore I deliver them into thy hands to be judged

¹³and now the spirit of Alma was again troubled
and he went & enquired of the Lord what he should do concerning this matter
for he feared that he should do wrong in the sight of God

¹⁴& it came to pass that after he had poured out his whole Soul to God
the voice of the Lord came to him saying

¹⁵blessed art thou Alma
& blessed are they which were baptised in the waters of Mormon
thou art ~~in~~ blessed because of thy exceding faith
in the words alone of my servant ~~Aminadi~~ Abinadi

¹⁶and blessed are they because of their Exceding faith
in the words alone which thou hast spoken unto them

¹⁷& blessed art thou because thou hast established a church among this people
& they shall be established & they shall be my people

¹⁸yea blessed is this people which is willing to bear my name
for in my shall they called & they are mine

¹⁹& because thou hast enquired of me concerning the transgressor~~o~~
thou art blessed

²⁰thou art my servant
and I covenant with thee that thou shalt have eternal life
and thou shalt serve me & go forth in my name
& shall gather together my sheep
²¹& he that will hear my voice shall be my sheep
& him shall ye receive into the church
& him will I also receive

²²for behold this is my church
whosoever that is ~~o~~aptised shall be baptised unto repentance
& whosoever ye receive shall believe in my nam^e
& him will I freely forgive

²³for it is I that taketh upon me the sins of the world
for it is I that hath created them
& it is I that granteth unto him that believeth
in the end a place at my right hand

²⁴for behold in my name are they called
& if they know me
they shall come forth and shall have a place eternally at my right hand

²⁵and it shall come to pass that when the second trump shall sound
then shall they that never knew me come forth
& shall stand before me

²⁶& then shall they know that I am the Lord their God
that I am their redeemer
but they would not be redeemed

²⁷ & thin will I confess into them that I never knew them
& they shall depart unto everlasting fire prepared for the devil & his angels

²⁸ therefore I say unto you
that he that will not hear my voice
the same shall ye not receive into my church
for him I will not receive at the last day

²⁹ therefore I say unto you go
and whosoever transgresset against me
him shall ye judge according to the sins which he hath committed
& if he confess his sins before thee and me
and repenteth in the sincrrity of his heart
him shall ye forgive
& I will forgive him also

³⁰ yea & as often as my people repent
will I forgive them their trespass^{es} ~~pas~~ against me
³¹ & ye shall also forgive one another your trespasse^s
for verily I say unto you
te that forgiveth not his neighbors trespasses when he sayeth that he repenteth
the ^{same} hath brought himself under condemnation,

³² now I say unto you go
& whosoever will not repent of his sins
the same shall not be numbered among my people
and this shall be observed from this time forward

³³ And it came to pass
when Alma had heard these words
he wrote them down
that he might have them
& that he might judge the people of that church
according to the commandments of God

³⁴ and it came to pass that Alma went
and judged those that had been taken in iniquity
according to the word of the Lord

³⁵ and whosoever repented of their Sins & did confess them
them he did number among the people of the church

³⁶ & them that would not confess their sins & repent of their iniquity
the same were not numb^ered among the people of the church
& their names were bloted out.

³⁷ And it came to pass that Alma did regulate all the affairs of the church
& they began again to have peace
& to prosper exceedingly in the affairs of the church
walking circumspectly before God
receiving many & baptising many

³⁸& now all these things did Alma and his fellow labourers do
which were over the church
walking in all diligence
teaching the word of God in all things
suffering^s all manner of afflictions
being persecuted by all those who did not belong to the church of God
³⁹& ~~did~~ they did admonish their brethren,
& they were also admonished every one by the word of God
according to his sins or to the sins which he had committed.
Being commaded of God to pray without ceaseing
& to give thanks in all things,