

Mosiah 27

¹And now it came to pass that
the persecutions which was inflicted on the church by the unbelievers
became so great

that the church began murmur
& complain to their leaders concerning the matter
and they did complain to Alma
& Alma laid the case before their King Mosiah
and Mosiah consulted with his priests,

²and it came to pass that
King Mosiah sent a proclamation throughout the land round about,
that there should not any unbeliever persecute any of those
which belonged to the church of God,

³& there was a strict command throughout all the churches
that there should be no persecutions among them
that there should be an equality among all men

⁴that they should let no pride nor haughtiness disturb their peace
that every man should esteem his neighbor as himself
labouring with their own hands for their support

⁵yea and all their priests & teachers should labour with their own hands
for their support in all cases save it were in sickness or in much want
& doing these things they did abound in the grace of God

⁶and there began to be much peace again in the land
and the people began to be very numerous
and began to scatter abroad upon the face of the earth
yea on the north & on the South on the east & on the west
building large cities and vilages in all quarters of the land

⁷& the Lord did visit them and prosper them
& they became a large & a wealthy people.

⁸Now the Sons of Mosiah was numbered among the unbelievers
& also one of the sons of Alma was numbered among them
he being called Alma after his Father
nevertheless he became a very wicked & an Idolitrous man
& he was a man of many words & did speak much flattery to the people
therefore h^o led many of the people to do after the manner of his iniquities

⁹& he became a great hinderment to the prosperity of the church of God
stealing away the hearts of the people
causing much discent^on among the people
giving a chance for the enemy of God exercise his power over them

¹⁰& now ~~of God to exercise his power~~ it came to pass that
while he was going about to destroy the church of God
for he did go about secretly with the sons of Mosiah
seeking to destroy the church
& to lead astray the people of the Lord
contrary to the commandments of God or even the King

¹¹& as I said unto you
as they were going about reb^eling against God
behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto them
& he descended as is wre in a cloud
& he spake as it were with a voice of thunder
which caused the earth shake upon which they stood,
¹²& so great was their astonishment that they fell to the earth
& under^ottood not the words which he spake unto them
¹³nevertheless he cryed again saying
Alma arise & stand forth
for why persecuteth thou the church of God
for the Lord hath said
this is my church & I will establish it
& nothing shall overthrow it save it is the transgressions of my people

¹⁴& again the angel sayeth
behold the Lord hath heard the prayers of his people
& also the prayers of his servant Alma which is thy Father
for he hath prayed with much faith concerning thee
that thou mightest be brought to the knowledge of the truth
thre^re^refore for this purpose have I come
to convince thee of the power & authority of God
that the prayers of his serrants might be answered according to thier faith.

¹⁵& now be^old can ye dispute the power of God
for behold doth not my voice shake the earth
& can ye not also behold me b^efore you
& I am sent from God.

¹⁶now I say unto thee go,
& remember the captivity of thy Fathers
in the land of Helem & in the land of Nephi
& remember how grea^t things he hath done for them
for they were in bondage & he hath delivered them
& now I say unto thee Alma
go thy way & seek to destroy the church no more
that their prayers may ~~understood~~ answered
& this even if thou wilt of thyself be cast off,

¹⁷& now it came to pass that
these were the lost words which the angel spake unto Alma
& he departed

¹⁸& now Alma & those that were with him fell again to the earth
for great was their astonishment
for with their own eyes they had beheld an angel of the Lord
& his voice was as thunder which shook the earth
& they knew^{that} there was nothing save the power of God
that could shake the earth & cause it to tremble
as though it woul^dd part asunder

¹⁹& now the astonishment of Alma was so great
that he became dumb
that he could not open his mouth
yea & he became weak
even that he could not move his hands
therefore he was taken by those that were with him & carried helpless
even until was laid before his Father

²⁰& they rehearsed unto his Father all that had happened unto them
& his Father rejoiced
for he knew that it was the power of God

²¹& he caused that a multitude should be gathered together
that they might witness what the Lord had done for his son
& also for those that were with him

²²& he caused that the priests should assemble themselves together
& they began to fast & to pray to their Lord their God
that he would open the mouth of Alma that he might speak
& also that his limbs might receive their strength
that the eyes of the people might be opened
to see and know of the goodness & glory of God,

²³& it came to pass
after they had fasted and prayed for the space of two days and two nights
the limbs of Alma received their strength
& he stood up & began to speak unto them
bidding them to be of good comfort

²⁴for said he I have repented of my sins
& have been redeemed of the Lord,
behold I am born of the spirit

²⁵& the Lord unto me
marvel not that all mankind
yea men & women
all nations kindreds tongues & people
must be born again yea born of God
change of their carnal & fallen state to a state of righteousness
being redeemed of God
becoming his sons & daughters

²⁶& thus they become new creatures
& unless they do this they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God,

²⁷I say unto you
unless this be the case they must be cast off.
and this I know because I was like to be cast off.

²⁸nevertheless after wading through much tribulation
repenting night unto death
the Lord in mercy hath seen fit to snatch me out of an everlasting burning
& I am born of God

²⁹ my ^{soul} hath been redeemed from the gall of bitterness & bonds of iniquity
I was in the darkest abyss
but now I behold the marvilous light of God
my soul was wrecked with Eternal torment
but I am snatched & my soul is pained no more

³⁰ I rejected my redeemer
& denied that which had been spoken of by our Fathers
but now that they may foresee that he will come
& that he remembereth every creature of his creating
& he will make himself manifest unto all,
³¹ yea every knee shall bow & every tongue confess before him
yea even at the last day when all men shall stand to be Judged of him
then shall they confess that he is God
then shall they confess who live without God in the world
that the Judgment of an everlasting punishment is Just upon them
& they shall quake & tremble & shrink
bneah the glance of his allsearching eye,

³² & now it came to pass that
Alma began from this time forward to teach the people
& those ~~that~~ which were with Alma at the time the angel appeared \diamond nto them
traveling round about through all the land
publishing to all the people the things which they had heard & seen
& preaching the word of God
in much tribulat \diamond on
being greatly persecuted by those which were unbeleivers
being smitten by many of them

³³ but notwithstanding all this they did impart much consolation to the church
confirming their faith & exhorting them with long suffering and much travel
to keep the commandments of God,

³⁴ And of them were the Sons of Mosiah
& their names were Ammon and Aaron and Omner and Himni
these were the names of the Sons of Mosiah

³⁵ & after they had traveled throughout all the land of Zarahemla
& among all the people which was under the reign of King Mosiah
Zealously striving to repair all the injuries which they had done to the church
confessing all their Sins & publishing all the things which they had seen,
& explaining the Prophesies & the ~~scrip~~ scriptures to all who desired to hear them

³⁶ & thus they were instruments in the hands of God
in bringing many to the knowledge of the truth.
yea to the knowledge of their redeemer

³⁷ & how blessed are they
for they did publish peace
they did publish good tidings of good
and they did ~~deli~~er declare unto the people that the Lord reigneth &