

3rd Nephi 28

¹& it came to pass when Jesus had said these words
he spak^e unto his Disciples one by one saying unto them
what is it that ye desire of me after that I am gone to the Father

²& they all spake save it were three saying
we desire that after we have lived unto the age of man
that our ministry w^herein thou hast called us may have an end
that we may speedily come unto thee in thy Kingdom

³& he saith unto them
blessed are ye because ye desire this thing of me
therefore after that ye are seventy & two years old
ye shall come unto me in my Kingdom
& with me ye shall find rest

⁴& when he had spake unto them
he turned himself unto the three & said unto them
what will ye that I should do unto you when I am gone unto the Father

⁵& they sorrowed in their hearts
for they dearst not speak unto him the thing which they desired

⁶& he saith unto them
Behold I know your thoughts
& ye have desired the thing
which John my Beloved ~~did desire~~
(which was with me in my menistry before that the was lifted up by the Jews)
desired of me

⁷therefore more blessed are ye
for ye shall never taste of death
but ye shall live to behold all the doings of the Father unto the Children of men
even untill all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father
when I shall come in my Glory with the powers of Heaven

⁸& ye shall never endure the pains of death
but when I shall come in my Glory
ye shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye from mortality to Immortality
& then shall ye be blessed in the Kingdom of my Father

⁹& again ye shall not have pain while ye shall dwell in the flesh
neither sorrow save it be for the Sins of the world

& all this will I do because of the thing which ye have desired of me
for ye have desired that ye might bring the Souls of men unto me
while the world shall stand

¹⁰& for this cause ye shall have fullness of joy
& ye shall sit down in the Kingdom of my Father
yea your joy shall be full even as the Father hath given me fullness of joy
& ye shall be even as I am
& I am even as the Father
& the Father and I am one

¹¹& the Holy Ghos^t beareth record of the Father and me
& the Father giveth the Holy Ghost unto the Children of men because of me.

¹²And it came to pass that when Jesus had spake these words,
he touched every one of them wth his finger
save it were the three which were to tarry
& then he departed.

¹³And behold the Heavens were opened
and they **were** caught up into Heaven
& saw & heard unspeakable things

¹⁴& it was forbidden them that they should utter
neither was it given unto them power
that they could utter the things which they saw & heard

¹⁵& whether they were in the body or out [out] of the body they could not tell
for it did seem unto them like a Transfiguration of them
that they were changed from this body of flesh into an Immortal state
that they could behold the things of God

¹⁶but it came to pass that they did again minister upon the face of the earth
nevertheless they did not minister of the things which they had heard & seen
because of the comman[an]dment which was given them in Heaven

¹⁷& now whether they were mortal or immortal
from the day of their Transfiguration
I know not

¹⁸but this much I know
according to the Record which hath been given
they did go forth upon the face of the land
& did minister unto all the People
uniting as many to the Church as would believe in their Preaching
Baptising [them] them

& as many as were Baptised did receive the Holy Ghost
¹⁹& they were cast into Prison by them who did not belong to the Church
& the Prisons could not hold them
for they were rent in twain

²⁰& they were cast down into the earth
but they did smite the earth with the word[s] of God
insomuch that by his power they were delivered out of the debths of the earth
& therefore they could not dig pits sufficiently to hold them

²¹& thrice they were cast into a furnace & received no harm

²²& twice were they Cast into a den of wild beasts
& behold they did play with the beasts
as a child with a suckling lamb
& received no harm

²³& it came to pass that thus they did go forth among all the People of Nephi
& did preach the Gospel of Christ unto all people upon the face[e] of the land
& they were converted unto the Lord
& were united unto the Church of Christ
& thus the People of that Generation were blessed
according to the word of Jesus.

²⁴And now I Mormon make an end of speaking
concerning these things for a time
²⁵behold I were about to write the names of those
who were never to taste of death
but the Lord forbade,
therefore I write them not
for they are hid from the wo[u]rld
²⁶but behold I have seen them
& they have ministered unto me
²⁷& behold they will be among the Gentiles
& the Gentiles knoweth them not,
²⁸they will also be among the Jews
& the Jews shall know them not
²⁹& it shall come to pass when ~~that when~~ the Lord seeth fit in his wisdom
that they shall minister unto all the scattered tribes of Israel
& unto all Nations Kindreds Tongues & People
& shall bring out of them unto Jesus many Souls
that their desire may be fulfilled
& also because of the convincing power of God which is in them
³⁰& they are as the Angels of God
& if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus
they can shew themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good
³¹therefore great & marvelous works shall be wrought by them
before the great & coming day
when all People must surely stand before the Judgment seat of Christ;
³²yea even among the Gentiles shall there be
a great and marvelous work wrought by them before that Judgment day

³³& if ye had all the scriptures
which gives an account of all the marvelous works of Christ
ye would according to the words of Christ
know that these things must surely come to pass
³⁴& wo[e] be unto him
that will not hearken unto the words of Jesus
& also to them which he hath chosen & sent among them
for whoso receiveth not the words of Jesus
& the words of them which he hath sent
receiveth not him
& therefore he will not receive them at the last day
³⁵& it would be better for them if they had not been born
for do ye suppose that ye can get rid of the justice of an offended God
who hath been trample[d] under feet of men
that thereby salvation might come,

³⁶And now behold as I spake concerning them whom the Lord had chosen
yea even three which were caught up into^{the} Heaven^s
that I knew not whether they were cleansed from mortality to immortality

³⁷but But **behold** since I wrote I have enquired of the Lord
& he hath made it manifest unto me
that **there must** needs be a change wrought upon their bodies
or else **it** ~~needs~~ needs be that they must taste of death
³⁸therefore that they might not **taste** of death
there was a change wrought upon their bodies
that they might not suffer pain nor sorro^w
save it were for the Sins of the world
³⁹now this change was not equal
to that which should take place at the last day
but there was a change wrought upon them
insomuch that Satan could have no power over them
that he could not tempt them
& they were sanctified in the flesh that they were Holy
& that the powers of the earth could not hold them
⁴⁰& in this state they were to remain until the Judgment day of christ
& at that day they were to receive a greater change
& to be received into the Kingdom of the Father
to go no more out but to dwell with God eternally in the Heavens