

WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF MORMON TEACH?

Class 15



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About Reconciliation of our Will.

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Class Scriptures

Recap—"in" vs "from"--
Reconciliation

Coreantun's Story (Alma 16, 19)

Thieves (Luke 23)

Paradise (Alma 19:43)

The Thief on the Right

The (blank) Righteous and

All Things New

Next...

The Book of Mormon is not
Mormonism...

In our Sin vs. From our Sin

In our Sin—suggests he takes us out with no change from us when we realize we are sinful. This is NOT the Gospel.

From our Sin—He has power to remove the sin based on our response. Our 'Response' is to CHANGE OUR WILL.

Grace is 'applied' to whom?

2 Nephi 1:73

Wherefore, how great the importance to make these things known unto the inhabitants of the earth,

That they may know that there is no flesh that can dwell in the presence of God,

save it be through the merits and mercy and grace of the Holy Messiah,

Grace is 'applied' to whom?

2 Nephi 7:42

And remember, that after ye are reconciled unto God,
That it is only in and through the grace of God that ye are saved;

Salvation requires (our) reconciliation of our Heart.
THEN GRACE CAN BE APPLIED.

The Book of Mormon Explains GRACE.

Helaman 4:71

And may God grant in His great fullness that men might be brought unto repentance and good works,

That they might be restored unto **grace**.

For **grace** according to their works.

(The WORK is to DEMONSTRATE REPENTANCE)

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Moroni 10:29

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And if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness and love God with all your might, mind and strength,

Then is His grace sufficient for you,

that by His grace ye may be perfect in Christ;

And if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ,

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[Alma 19:106](#)

And thus they are restored into His presence,
to be judged according to their works,
according to the law and justice;

For behold, justice exerciseth all his demands,
And also mercy claimeth all which is her own;

And thus, none but the truly penitent are saved.

But what about 'After All We Can Do?'

2 Nephi 11:44

For we know **that it is by grace that we are saved,**
after all that we can do.

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42 And the nations which shall possess them shall be judged of them, according to the words which are written;

43 **For we labor diligently to write**, to persuade our children and also our brethren to believe in Christ and **to be reconciled to God**,

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[2 Nephi 15:10](#) But behold, for none of these I cannot hope, except they shall be reconciled unto Christ And

enter into the narrow gate

and walk in the strait path which leads to life,

And continue in the path until the end of the day of probation.

[Jacob 3:16](#) Wherefore beloved brethren,

be reconciled unto Him through the atonement of Christ, His Only Begotten Son,

3 Nephi 5:71

Therefore,
if ye shall come unto Me,
or shall desire to come unto Me,
and rememberest that thy brother hath
aught against thee,

72 Go thy way unto thy brother
and first be reconciled to thy brother
and then come unto Me with full purpose
of heart
and I will receive you.

Matthew 5:23 (KJ)

Therefore **if thou bring thy gift to
the altar,**
and there rememberest that thy
brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the
altar, and go thy way;
first be reconciled to thy brother,
and then come and offer thy gift.

[2 Nephi 1:123-124](#) And be faithful unto His words and choose eternal life, according to **the will** of His Holy Spirit,
And not choose eternal death, **according to the will of the flesh and the evil which is therein,**

[2 Nephi 7:41](#) Wherefore my beloved brethren,
reconcile yourselves to the will of God
and not to the will of the devil and the flesh.

3 Nephi 5:12 And behold, I Am the light and the life of the world; And I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given Me, And have glorified the Father in taking upon Me the sins of the world, **in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.**“

3 Nephi 6:33 "Not everyone that saith unto Me, 'Lord, Lord, ' shall **enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven;**



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Alma 16

259 And seeing that the hearts of the people began to wax hard and that they began to be offended because of the strictness of the word, His heart was exceeding sorrowful;

260 Therefore, he caused that his sons should be gathered together, That he might give unto them, every one, his charge separately concerning the things pertaining unto righteousness.

261 And we have an account of his commandments which he gave unto them, according to his own record.

Alma 19

Intro: The commandments of Alma to his son
Coreanton.

1 And now my son, I have somewhat more to say
unto thee than what I said unto thy brother;

For behold, have ye not observed the steadiness
of thy brother, his faithfulness and his diligence
in keeping the commandments of God?

Alma 19

2 Behold, has he not set a good example for thee?

3 For thou didst not give so much heed unto my words as did thy brother among the people of the Zoramites.

4 Now this is what I have against thee –

Thou didst go on unto boasting in thy strength and thy wisdom.

Alma 19

5 And this is not all, my son
Thou didst do that which was grievous unto me,

For thou didst forsake the ministry

and did go over into the Land of Siron, among
the borders of the Lamanites, after the harlot
Isabel;

Yea, she did steal away the hearts of many;

But this was no excuse for thee, my son;

Alma 19

6 Thou shouldst have tended to the ministry wherewith thou wast entrusted.

7 Know ye not, my son, that these things are an abomination in the sight of the Lord?

Yea, most abominable above all sins,

save it be the shedding of innocent blood or denying the Holy Ghost.

Alma 19

8 For behold,
if ye deny the Holy Ghost when it once hath had
place in you – And ye know that ye deny it –
Behold, this is a sin which is unpardonable.

9 Yea, and whosoever murdereth against the
light and knowledge of God,
it is not easy for him to obtain forgiveness.

Yea, I say unto you my son, that it is not easy for
him to obtain a forgiveness!

Alma 19

10 And now my son, I would to God that ye had not been guilty of so great a crime;

11 I would not dwell upon your crimes to harrow up your soul, if it were not for your good;

12 But behold, ye cannot hide your crimes from God, And except ye repent, they will stand as a testimony against you at the last day.

Alma 19

13 Now my son,
I would that ye should repent and forsake your
sins
and go no more after the lusts of your eyes, but
cross yourself in all these things,

For except ye do this, ye can in no wise inherit
the kingdom of God;

14 O remember, and take it upon you and cross
yourself in these things.

Alma 19

15 And I command you to take it upon you to counsel your elder brothers in your undertakings.

For behold, thou art in thy youth
and ye stand in need to be nourished by your brothers;
16 And give heed to their counsel;

Suffer not yourself to be led away by any vain or foolish thing,

Suffer not that the devil lead away your heart again after those wicked harlots.

Alma 19

17 Behold, O my son,
how great iniquity ye brought upon the
Zoramites!

For when they saw your conduct,
they would not believe in my words.

18 And now the Spirit of the Lord doth say unto
me:

Command thy children to do good,
lest they lead away the hearts of many people to
destruction."

Alma 19

19 Therefore, I command you, my son,
in the fear of God, that ye refrain from your iniquities.

That ye turn to the Lord with all your mind, might and
strength.

That ye lead away the hearts of no more to do
wickedly;

Alma 19

20 But rather return unto them
and acknowledge your faults
and retain that wrong which ye have done.

Seek not after riches nor the vain things of this
world,
For behold, you cannot carry them with you.

21 And now my son, I would say somewhat unto
you concerning the coming of Christ -

Alma 19

22 Behold, I say unto you that

it is He that surely shall come

to take away the sins of the world,

Yea, He cometh to declare glad tidings of salvation
unto His people.

Alma 19

23 And now my son, this was the ministry unto which ye were called –

To declare these glad tidings unto this people,
To prepare their minds, or rather, that salvation might come unto them,

that they may prepare the minds of their children to hear the word at the time of His coming.

Alma 19

112 And now my son,
I desire that ye should let these things trouble
you no more.

And only let your sins trouble you
with that trouble
which shall bring you down unto repentance.

Alma 19

113 O my son, I desire that ye should deny the justice of God no more;

114 Do not endeavor to excuse yourself in the least point because of your sins, by denying the justice of God, But do you let the justice of God and His mercy and His longsuffering have full sway in your heart, But let it bring you down to the dust in humility.

Alma 19

115 And now O my son, ye are called of God to preach the word unto this people.

116 And now, my son, go thy way; Declare the word with truth and soberness, that thou mayest bring souls unto repentance, That the great plan of mercy may have claim upon them.

117 And may God grant unto you even according to my word. Amen.

Lessons from Coreantun— Beautiful principle of repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness.

- Serious offense
- Would not believe my words...people who have left the church.
- (Fathers) Don't lose sight of objective
- But dealt with by someone who was also a serious offender.
- Knows what it is like to rebel, but also knows the sweetness of forgiveness.
- Teaches why the sin was wrong
- Recognize the right way
- Own the sin
- Make it right.
- Get back on course
- The son not ostracized, rejected.
- **THE SON RETURNS TO THE MISSION FIELD.**
- What can church learn from this?

Why be Merciful in Forgiving Others?

Because of God's Mercy Demonstrated to Us

Mosiah 11:139

Yea, and **as often as My people repent**
will I forgive them their trespasses against Me;

Luke 23

14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

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Luke 23

16 I will therefore chastise him, and release him.

17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

Hebrew Bar=Son, Abba=Father

“Son of the Father”

Barabbas represents all the Children of Men

Luke 23

19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

21 But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

Luke 23

22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.

23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

Luke 23

24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison,
(Barabbas son of man)

whom they had desired;

but he delivered Jesus to their will.
(son of God)

Leviticus 16:

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

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Leviticus 16:

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering.

10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat,

shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him,

and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

Leviticus 16:

15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people,

and bring his blood within the vail,

and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock,

and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat,
and before the mercy seat:

Leviticus 16:

16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place,

because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel,
and because of their transgressions in all their sins:

Leviticus 16:

21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat,

and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel,

and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat,

and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:

Luke 23

26 And as they led him away,
they laid hold upon one Simon a Cyrenian,
coming out of the country,
and on him they laid the cross,
that he might bear it after Jesus.

Luke 23

27 And there followed him a great company of people,
and of women which also bewailed and lamented him.

Luke 23

32 And there were also two other malefactors,
led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they were come to the place,
which is called Calvary,
there they crucified him and the malefactors,
one on the right hand,
and the other on the left.

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they
know not what they do.

And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Luke 23

35 And the people stood beholding.

And the rulers also with them derided him,
saying,

He saved others;
let him save himself if he be Christ,
the chosen of God

Luke 23

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying,

If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying,

Dost not thou fear God,
seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

Luke 23

41 And we indeed justly;

for we receive the due reward of our deeds.

But this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus,

Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Luke 23

43 And Jesus said unto him,

Verily I say unto thee,

Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Paradise--Alma 19

40 And now concerning this space of time –
What becometh of the souls of men is the thing
which I have inquired diligently of the Lord to
know,

And this is the thing of which I do know;

41 And when the time cometh when all shall rise,
then shall they know that God knoweth

all the times which are appointed unto man.

Paradise--Alma 19

42 Now concerning the state of the soul
between death and the resurrection -

Paradise--Alma 19

44 And then shall it come to pass that the spirits
of those which are righteous
are received into a state of happiness
which is called paradise

- a state of rest, a state of peace –

Where they shall rest from all their troubles
and from all care and sorrow, etc.

Paradise--Alma 19

45 And then shall it come to pass that the spirits of the wicked, yea, which are evil –

For behold, they have no part nor portion of the Spirit of the Lord,

For behold, they chose evil works rather than good,

Therefore, the spirit of the devil did enter into them and take possession of their house -

Paradise--Alma 19

46 And these shall be **cast out into outer darkness;**

There shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth,

And this because of their own iniquity,

being **led captive by the will of the devil.**

Paradise--Alma 19

47 Now this is the state of the souls of the wicked, yea, in darkness,

And a state of awful, fearful, looking for, of the fiery indignation of the wrath of God upon them;

Paradise--Alma 19

Thus they remain in this state,
as well as the righteous in paradise,
until the time of their resurrection.

(Notice Parallels of Paradise and Outer Darkness)

The Thief on the Right--Who Goes to Paradise?

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The Thief on the Right

- Fears God --because he is asking other thief if he doesn't fear God.
- Recognizes this 'man' Jesus-- must be connected to Deity.
- Sorrow for his sins?
- Recognizes that Jesus didn't deserve to die
- Recognizes his/our punishments are just
- Exhibits a heart changed.
- Demonstrates being Broken and Contrite

Acknowledging Unworthiness

[Alma 18:16](#) Do not say,

"O God, I thank Thee that we are better than our brethren, "

But rather say,

"O Lord, **forgive my unworthiness** and remember my brethren in mercy" –

Yea, acknowledge your unworthiness before God at all times.

Whoso Cometh to Me...

3 Nephi 4:50

And whoso cometh unto Me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, him will I baptize with fire and with the Holy Ghost,

Even as the Lamanites

because of their faith in Me at the time of their conversion,
were baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost,

And they knew it not.

Ammon/Lamoni, The Father of Lamoni, Lamanites Bury Swords, Lehi/Nephi in Prison, Anti-Nephi-Lehis.

ALL WERE BAPTIZED BY HOLY GHOST—hearts changed—before water baptism.

What is the Difference?

3 Nephi 3:14

Some were lifted up in pride,

and others were exceeding humble;

Some did return railing for railing,

while others would receive railing and persecution

and all manner of afflictions

and would not turn and revile again,

but were humble and penitent before God.

Thoughts

- The point is that all humanity will die whether good or evil.
- The more righteous go to paradise. The more righteous are described as 'those who didn't stone the prophets.' vs it does not say more righteous are only those who were baptized. What could this imply. God is merciful.
- Does not mean the 'gate' doesn't exist.
- Don't fall into a premise that doesn't exist.
- Paradise is not about only baptism so much as the change of heart
- They want to use it to suggest non importance of baptism
- Recognizing jesus, fearing god, recognized his own sin, his unworthiness. That is walking in the way.
- All humanity is divided the righteous from the unrighteous in the example of the cross.
- If you know to fear god and walk in the way and do not, then you are already walking in rebellion.

The (blank) Righteous

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[3 Nephi 4:41](#) "O all ye that are spared because ye were **more righteous** than they!

Will ye not now return unto Me and repent of your sins and be converted, that I may heal you?

The (blank) Righteous when Jesus Visits the Nephites

3 Nephi 4:66

And it was the more righteous part of the people which were saved,

And it was they which

received the prophets and stoned them not,

And it was they which

had not shed the blood of the saints **which were spared;**

Behold I Make ALL THINGS NEW

3 Nephi 5:92

Old **things** are done away
and **all things have become new.**

Therefore, I would that ye should be perfect
even as I or your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Evidenced in their Laws....Even their Covenant

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3 Nephi 3:69 (PRE-JESUS ARRIVAL)

Therefore, **there were ordained of Nephi men unto this ministry, that all such as should come unto them should be baptized with water,**

And this as a witness and a testimony before God and unto the people that they had repented and received a remission of their sins;

Evidenced in their Laws....Even their Covenant

3 Nephi 9:12

And it came to pass that **Nephi went down into the water and was baptized,**

**(NEPHI WAS BAPTIZED ANEW. AND EVERYONE ELSE.
WHY? BECAUSE GOD MADE ALL THINGS NEW. HE SPOKE IT.**

**EVERYONE CAME INTO THE NEW COVENANT.
Who would not (have wanted) to be Baptized?**

At Millennium...We Hear these words...

[Ether 6:9](#)

And there shall be a **new heaven and a new earth;**

And they shall be like unto the old,
save the old have passed away and

all things have become new.

([DC 28:6c](#) for all old things shall pass away, and all things shall become new,
even the heaven and the earth, and all the fullness thereof, both men and
beasts, the fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea;

[DC 63:13c](#) yea, and blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth,
when the Lord shall come, and old things shall pass away,
and all things become new.)