

December 16–22

Moroni 10

“Come Unto Christ, and Be Perfected in Him”



# The Mercy of the Lord

Moroni 10:1-3

How do you think the Book of Mormon reminds us of the mercy of the Lord?

## Dale G. Renlund

"Throughout time, even and especially during difficult times, prophets have encouraged us to remember the greatness of God and to consider what He has done for us as individuals, as families, and as a people. This direction is found throughout the scriptures but is notably prominent in the Book of Mormon. The title page explains that one of the Book of Mormon's purposes is 'to show unto the remnant of the house of Israel what great things the Lord hath done for their fathers.'...

"The consistency of pleas from prophets to reflect on the goodness of God is striking. Our Heavenly Father wants us to recall His and His Beloved Son's goodness, not for Their own gratification but for the influence such remembrance has on us. By considering Their kindness, our perspective and understanding are enlarged. By reflecting on Their compassion, we become more humble, prayerful, and steadfast." (CR, April 2020)

# Testimony of the Book of Mormon

## Moroni 10:4-5

What does Moroni state we must you do to receive a manifestation that the Book of Mormon is true?

By what power do we receive the manifestation that the Book of Mormon is true?

After receiving the witness that the Book of Mormon is true, what can we do to strengthen that testimony?

Why do you think that a testimony of the Book of Mormon can become the cornerstone to receiving a testimony other essential spiritual truths?

## Ulisses Soares

"To all who hear my voice today, I invite you to be part of the marvelous coming forth of the Book of Mormon in your own life. I promise you that as you *prayerfully and consistently study its words*, you can partake of its promises and rich blessings in your life.... I can assure you that He will give you the answer in a very personal way, as He has done for me and many others around the world. Your experience will be as glorious and sacred for you as... for all who have sought to receive a witness of the integrity and trustworthiness of this sacred book." (CR, April 2020)

## Neil L. Andersen

"President Dallin H. Oaks visited our mission in Bordeaux, France, in 1991. He explained to our missionaries that *real intent* means that the person praying is saying to the Lord something like this: 'I do not ask out of curiosity but *with total sincerity to act on the answer to my prayer*. If Thou wilt give me this answer, I will act to change my life. I will respond.'" (CR, April 2020)

## Spencer W. Kimball

“The treasures of both secular and spiritual knowledge are hidden ones—but hidden from those who do not properly search and strive to find them.... Spiritual knowledge is not available merely for the asking; even prayers are not enough. *It takes persistence and dedication of one’s life.*” (The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, ed. Edward L. Kimball, pg. 389–90)

## Dilworth Young

"With all of this the Lord asks but one thing of the reader. Read the Book of Mormon honestly, prayerfully, with a desire to know its truth; and *if the intent is sincere, God will reveal the truth of it to that person by the power of the Holy Ghost.* To their wonderment and marveling as they discover its truths for themselves many have read and believed. And further, with that testimony from the Holy Ghost has come the assurance also that Jesus Christ is the Creator and Lord of this earth, that he is mindful of all those who seek him, that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God and by revelation established this, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." (CR, April 1965)



## Milton R. Hunter

"When I was a child and first heard the stories of the Book of Mormon, the Holy Ghost touched my heart and bore a sweet witness to it of the divine authenticity of that ancient record. I knew then as I knew that I was alive that the Book of Mormon is true, is divine, is a sacred record of the inhabitants of ancient America. As I grew older, I read the book many times, and each time the same sweet testimony came into my heart, sometimes coming so forcefully that I was filled with emotion to the extent that tears ran down my cheeks. As I read the Book of Mormon now, the Holy Ghost still bears testimony to me that it is the word of God." (CR, Oct. 1954)

Bruce R. McConkie (slide 1)

“Now I am one who knows by the power of the Spirit that this book is true, and as a consequence I also know, both by reason and by revelation from the Spirit, of the truth and divinity of all the great spiritual verities of this dispensation. For instance:

“I know that the Father and the Son appeared to Joseph Smith -- because the Book of Mormon is true.

“I know that the gospel has been restored and that God has established his Church again on earth -- because the Book of Mormon is true.

“I know that the Bible is the word of God as far as it is translated correctly -- because the Book of Mormon is true.

Bruce R. McConkie (slide 2)

“I know that Joseph Smith is a prophet, that he communed with God entertained angels, received revelations, saw visions, and has gone on to eternal glory -- because the Book of Mormon is true.

“I know that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the kingdom of God on earth, the one kingdom with legal administrators who can seal men up unto eternal life -- because the Book of Mormon is true.

“To my testimony of the Book of Mormon I add that of the Lord God himself, who said Joseph Smith ‘has translated the book... and as your Lord and your God liveth it is true.’ (D&C 17:6.)” (CR, Apr. 1968)

# Gifts From God

Moroni 10:8-19

From whom do we receive all spiritual gifts?

Why does the Lord give us gifts?

## D&C 46:8-11

8) Wherefore, beware lest ye are deceived; and that ye may not be deceived seek ye earnestly the best gifts, always remembering for what they are given;

9) For verily I say unto you, *they are given for the benefit of those who love me and keep all my commandments, and him that seeketh so to do; that all may be benefited that seek or that ask of me, that ask and not for a sign that they may consume it upon their lusts.*

10) And again, verily I say unto you, I would that ye should always remember, and always retain in your minds what those gifts are, that are given unto the church.

11) For all have not every gift given unto them; for there are many gifts, and *to every man is given a gift by the Spirit of God.*

# Gifts From God

Moroni 10:20-23

How can we lose the blessing of the hope we have that we will be saved?

## Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“The scriptures say that there must be 'an opposition in all things.' So it is with faith, hope, and charity. Doubt, despair, and failure to care for our fellowmen lead us into temptation, which can cause us to forfeit choice and precious blessings.

“The adversary uses despair to bind hearts and minds in suffocating darkness. Despair drains from us all that is vibrant and joyful and leaves behind the empty remnants of what life was meant to be. Despair kills ambition, advances sickness, pollutes the soul, and deadens the heart. Despair can seem like a staircase that leads only and forever downward.” (CR, Oct. 2008)

# Gifts From God

Moroni 10:30-34



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