

April 22–28

Mosiah 1–3

“Filled With Love Towards God and All Men”



Leadership

WoM 1:12-13,17-18

What do we learn from these verses about how king Benjamin led his people?

Leadership

Mosiah 1:2-3,7-8

What did king Benjamin emphasize that his children should learn and what did he work diligently to teach them?

Ezra Taft Benson

"Why did righteous fathers in the Book of Mormon go to so much trouble to teach their sons the word of God? King Benjamin said it was to fulfill the commandments of God. He further stated that were it not for their having the brass plates which contained the commandments, they would have 'suffered in ignorance.' Could the lack of teaching the scriptures in our homes be a source of our suffering in ignorance today?"

"As the brass plates blessed Lehi and his descendants, so our scriptures should bless us. 'And now, my sons,' said King Benjamin, 'I would that ye should remember to search them diligently, that ye may profit thereby; and I would that ye should keep the commandments of God.' In other words, first read them, then heed them." (CR, Oct. 1985)

Leadership

Mosiah 2:9-11

Who does he credit for giving him the strength and ability to fulfill his duties?

Ruth B. Wright

"I love to look at the picture of King Benjamin standing on the mighty tower with his loving arms outstretched to all his people. This beloved king, who spent his life in service to others, showed great humility when he willingly admitted his weaknesses and shortcomings and yet stated with conviction that he recognized his calling was from God...."

"When I feel inadequate and overwhelmed with my own weaknesses, I think of King Benjamin and try again."
(CR, Oct. 1990)

Leadership

Mosiah 2:14,17-18

What does king Benjamin teach us in these verses about how to serve and why service is essential?

How does king Benjamin exemplify that service is an essential characteristic of a good leader?

Marion G. Romney

“Service is not something we endure on this earth so we can earn the right to live in the celestial kingdom. Service is the very fiber of which an exalted life in the celestial kingdom is made.” (“The Celestial Nature of Self-Reliance,” Ensign, March 2009)

Peter M. Johnson

“Remember that the first and great commandment is to love God with our heart, might, mind, and strength. All that we do should be motivated by our love for Him and for His Son. As we develop our love for Them by keeping Their commandments, our capacity to love ourselves and to love others will increase. We will begin to serve family, friends, and neighbors because we will see them as the Savior sees them—as sons and daughters of God.” (CR, Oct. 2019)

Receiving Forgiveness

Mosiah 2:20-21

What is the point that king Benjamin is making by telling us that no matter how diligently we worship and serve we will never be profitable servants?

Dallin H. Oaks

”We have so much for which to give thanks. First and foremost, we are thankful for our Savior Jesus Christ. Under the plan of the Father, He created the world. Through His prophets, He revealed the plan of salvation with its accompanying commandments and ordinances. He came into mortality to teach and show us the way. He suffered and paid the price for our sins if we would repent. He gave up His life, and He conquered death and rose from the grave that we all will live again. He is the Light and Life of the World. As King Benjamin taught, if we 'should render all the thanks and praise which [our] whole soul has power to possess, to that God who has created [us], and has kept and preserved [us], and ... should serve him with all [our] whole souls yet [we] would be unprofitable servants.’” (CR, April 2003)

Receiving Forgiveness

Mosiah 2:22-25

What does king Benjamin say that makes it very clear that we have no reason to allow pride be a part of our lives?

Eldred G. Smith

"Yes, God is mindful of you and me because we are his children. He has given us this earth and all we have—the very air we breathe, food to eat, life itself. He rewards us for every good deed. Of ourselves we are nothing. Brothers and sisters, let us not be self-sufficient. Let us not forget to be humble and acknowledge the Lord, who is so good to us, [as] King Benjamin told his people....

"My brothers and sisters, be not lifted up in the pride of your hearts that you forget the Giver of all your blessings. Do not let self-righteousness rob you of humility before God. Acknowledge him in all things. Let your faith be simple and childlike." (CR, April 1955)

Receiving Forgiveness

Mosiah 2:38-39

What will your “immortal soul” realize that your fate will be if you die without receiving justification from Christ?

Joseph Smith

“A man is his own tormentor and his own condemner....
The torment of disappointment in the mind of man is as
exquisite as a lake burning with fire and brimstone.”
("King Follet Sermon," HC, 6:314)

Receiving Forgiveness

Mosiah 3:5-13

What does king Benjamin say about those who don't have an opportunity in this life to know the will of God?

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

"The Atonement of Jesus Christ causes each person to be accountable for his or her individual sins. We will overcome the consequences of individual sin by claiming the blessings and benefits of the Atonement....

'For salvation cometh to none... except it be through repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ' (Mosiah 3:12).

"It is not repentance per se that saves man. It is the blood of Jesus Christ that saves us. It is not by our sincere and honest change of behavior alone that we are saved, but 'by grace that we are saved, after all we can do' (2 Nephi 25:23). True repentance, however, is the condition required so that God's forgiveness can come into our lives." (CR, April 2007)

Receiving Forgiveness

Mosiah 3:19

What are some of the characteristics of someone who has put off the natural man?

How do we become a saint, put off the natural man, and receive these qualities?

Bruce R. McConkie

“If a man 'yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord' (Mosiah 3:19), then he is born again. His spiritual death ceases. He becomes alive to the things of the Spirit; he returns to the presence of God because he receives the gift of the Holy Ghost; and he is alive to the things of righteousness. He crucifies the old man of sin, becomes a new creature of the Holy Ghost, and walks in a newness of life. This is what is meant by being born again.” (The Promised Messiah, pg. 350)

Mosiah 5:2

And they all cried with one voice, saying: Yea, we believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually.

Ezra Taft Benson

“The Lord works from the inside out. The world works from the outside in. The world would take people out of the slums. Christ takes the slums out of people, and then they take themselves out of the slums. The world would mold men by changing their environment. Christ changes men, who then change their environment. The world would shape human behavior, but Christ can change human nature.” (“Born of God”, Ensign, July 1989)

Receiving Forgiveness

Mosiah 2:41

In what ways do you think that “those that keep the commandments” are blessed “both temporal and spiritual”?

ElRay L. Christiansen

"There is no prize so great and so valuable as the truth. In the Church we are taught the truth. We are taught the proper way to live—the correct, the right, the happy way to live. We could search the world over, and we could find no better way to live than the right way, and of course the Lord's way is the right way.

"We are taught to know the right in all things—how to repent, how to change our ways. We are taught whom and how to serve. We are taught the proper way to enter into the marriage covenant. In fact, the gospel of Jesus Christ is designed to direct us safely through this probationary period, that we 'may dwell... in a state of never-ending happiness' with those we love. I like that statement from the Book of Mormon." (CR, Oct. 1960)

Receiving Forgiveness

Mosiah 3:23-27

Once the work of God is presented to us clearly and by the power of the Spirit, what consequences do we face if we turn away from God's gifts?

Joseph B. Wirthlin

"In our day we face a similar choice. We can foolishly ignore the prophets of God, depend on our own strength, and ultimately reap the consequences. Or we can wisely draw near to the Lord and partake of His blessings.

"King Benjamin described both paths and both consequences. He said that those who forsake the Lord will be 'consigned to an awful view of their own guilt and abominations, which doth cause them to shrink from the presence of the Lord into a state of misery and endless torment.'

"But those who journey to higher ground and keep the commandments of God 'are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual; and if they hold out faithful to the end they are received into heaven, that thereby they may dwell with God in a state of never-ending happiness.'" (CR, Oct. 2005)

Next Week:

April 29–May 5

Mosiah 4–6

“A Mighty Change”

