

May 20–26
Mosiah 18–24

“We Have Entered Into a Covenant with Him”



Baptism

Mosiah 18:7-10

As converts of Christ, what had the people already shown and expressed a desire to do?

What did Alma admonish them to do to witness that they were willing to live these commandments?

What did Alma tell them they would receive if they were true to covenant?

What do you think Alma meant when he admonishes to “stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that ye may be in”?

L. Tom Perry

“[Baptism] is an ordinance denoting entry into a sacred and binding covenant between God and man. Men promise to forsake the world, love and serve their fellowmen, visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions, proclaim peace, preach the gospel, serve the Lord, and keep His commandments. The Lord promises to ‘pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon [us]’ (Mosh 18:10), redeem His Saints both temporally and spiritually, number them with those of the First Resurrection, and offer life eternal. Baptism and receiving the Holy Ghost are the prescribed ways to enter the strait and narrow path to eternal life.” (CR, April 2008)

Margaret D. Nadauld

“Standing as a witness in all things means all things—big things, little things, in all conversations, in jokes, in games played and books read and music listened to, in causes supported, in service rendered, in clothes worn, in friends made... Standing as a witness in all things means being kind in all things, being the first to say hello, being the first to smile, being the first to make the stranger feel a part of things, being helpful, thinking of others’ feelings, being inclusive.” (CR, April 2000)

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Mosiah 18:11-14

Again, what did Alma tell them they would receive if they were true to their covenants?

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Mosiah 18:17-20

Why do you think that Alma told the priests that they should focus their teaching on “repentance and faith on the Lord”?

Joseph Fielding Smith

"In the revelation to Oliver Cowdery, and to several others who came to ask what the Lord would have them do, the Lord said: 'Say nothing but repentance unto this generation' (D&C 6:9). We must not infer from this expression that those who went forth to preach were limited in their teachings so that all they could say was 'repent from your sins,' but in teaching the principles of the Gospel they should do so with the desire to... bring them in humility to a realization of the need for remission of sins. Even today, in all of our preaching it should be with the desire to bring people to repentance and faith in God." (Church History and Modern Revelation, 1:42)

Progress Along the Path

Mosiah 18:21-23,29

What are some things that Alma emphasizes that we must do to progress in the gospel?

Progress Along the Path

Mosiah 18:27-28

How would you categorize this principle that Alma implements in the church to provide for those in need?

Lorenzo Snow

“There are men among us who call themselves Latter-day Saints, who do not impart of their substance according to the law of the Gospel. I say God is displeased with such covetousness, and he will never prosper the Latter-day Saints who are guilty of such miserly conduct....

“We should act in the spirit of this law [of the Gospel] according to the light of God that is within us.” (JD 20:361)

Progress Along the Path

Mosiah 18:24,26

What important reason does Alma give that we should not receiving temporal compensation for service in the church?

Gene R. Cook

“The teacher of righteousness will be anxious to glorify the Lord. He will refuse to assume any glory unto himself. He will not practice priestcrafts—that is, preaching and holding himself up as a light to the world for gain or for the honor of men. He will be a preacher of righteousness speaking forcefully against sin, having an eye single to God, not to personal gain, honor, or popularity among men. He knows worldly aspirations leave the door open wide to apostasy.” (CR, April 1982)

The Lord Will Try His People

Mosiah 23:20-24

What gospel principle does Mormon tell us is demonstrated by this account?

D&C 136:31

My people must be tried in all things, that they may be prepared to receive the glory that I have for them, even the glory of Zion; and he that will not bear chastisement is not worthy of my kingdom.

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Mosiah 24:10-14

What do we learn from these verses about how the Lord responds to those who make and keep covenants to live the gospel?

How did the Lord bless them even though He chose to let them endure this trial?

What were the people promised that their example of faithfulness would do to help strengthen followers of Christ?

Henry B. Eyring

“The times we will pass through will have in them hard trials, as they did for the people of Alma under the cruel Amulon, who put burdens on their backs too heavy for them to bear...

“You and I are witnesses that whenever we have kept our covenants with God, especially when it was hard, He has heard our prayers of thanks for what He has already done for us and has answered our prayer for strength to endure faithfully. And more than once He has made us cheerful as well as strong.” (CR, Oct. 2016)

D. Todd Christofferson

“The followers of Alma established a Zion community in Helam but then were brought into bondage. They did not deserve their suffering—quite the contrary...

“The Lord strengthened them and lightened their burdens to the point they could hardly feel them upon their backs and then in due course delivered them. Their faith was immeasurably strengthened by their experience, and ever after they enjoyed a special bond with the Lord.” (CR, April 2011)

Mosiah 27:16

Now I say unto thee: Go, and remember the captivity of thy fathers in the land of Helam, and in the land of Nephi; and remember how great things he has done for them; for they were in bondage, and he has delivered them...

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Mosiah 24:15-17

How does Mormon describe the way that the people submitted to their afflictions?

David F. Evans

"Patiently keeping our covenants while we do what is necessary to receive answers from the Lord is part of God's pattern for learning truth. Especially when things are hard, we may be required to 'submit cheerfully and with patience to all the will of the Lord.' Patient covenant keeping increases our humility, deepens our desire to know truth, and allows the Holy Ghost to 'guide [us] in wisdom's paths that [we] may be blessed, prospered, and preserved' (Mosh 2:36)." (CR, Oct. 2017)

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Mosiah 24:18-22

After this difficulty had passed, how did the people react to the experience that they had been thru?

Ronald E. Poelman

"Those with whom Alma shared the inspired teachings of Abinadi entered into the baptismal covenant and began to live the gospel fully.... Certainly they did not deserve adversity. However, they were provided with the opportunity for further spiritual growth....

"Eventually, because of their faith and patience, they were delivered from their afflictions. Having been further refined spiritually, and with increased faith, 'they gave thanks to God.'" (CR, April 1989)

Slow to Remember the Lord

D&C 101:7-8

7) They were slow to hearken unto the voice of the Lord their God; therefore, the Lord their God is slow to hearken unto their prayers, to answer them in the day of their trouble.

8) In the day of their peace they esteemed lightly my counsel; but, in the day of their trouble, of necessity they feel after me.

Slow to Remember the Lord

Mosiah 21:13-15

Why was the Lord slow to hear their cries?

Boyd K. Packer

"We should remember that people don't get in serious trouble in one step. I don't think anyone steps off a precipice into the depths of immorality and apostasy. They slide down the slippery sides of the chasm. When they hit bottom, it's interesting that usually they want to take one step out. There's not one step out any more than there was one step in. It's a long, hard climb." (CR, April 1970)

Baptism

Mosiah 21:29-35

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Next Week:

May 27–June 2

Mosiah 25–28

“They Were Called the People of God”

