

June 17–23

Alma 8–12

“Jesus Christ Will Come to Redeem His People”



# Light and Knowledge

## Alma 9:13-15

If the Nephites do not repent, why will it be more tolerable for the Lamanites “in the day of judgment” and “in this life”?



D&C 82:3

For of him unto whom much is given much is required;  
and he who sins against the greater light shall receive  
the grater condemnation.

# Light and Knowledge

## Alma 9:20-24

What does Alma say that makes it clear they had received great “blessings, ... light and knowledge” from God?

What will happen if they turn away from God after receiving so much understanding and so many blessings?



# Light and Knowledge

Alma 10:5-6

What do you think he meant by the statement, “I knew... yet I would not know”?

# Plan of Salvation

Alma 11:37,40

What reason does Amulek give that we cannot be saved in our sins?



## Richard G. Scott

"I testify that of all the necessary steps to repentance, the most critically important is for you to have a conviction that forgiveness comes in and through Jesus Christ. It is essential to know that only on His terms can you be forgiven. You will be helped as you exercise faith in Christ. That means you trust Him and His teachings..."

"The fruit of true repentance is God's forgiveness, which opens the door to receive all of the covenants and ordinances provided on this earth and to enjoy the resulting blessings. When repentance is full and one has been cleansed, there comes a new vision of life and its glorious possibilities." (CR, Oct. 2004)

# Plan of Salvation

Alma 12:14-15

What reason does Amulek give that we cannot be saved in our sins?



## Dallin H. Oaks

“From such teachings we conclude that the Final Judgment is not just an evaluation of a sum total of good and evil acts—what we have done. It is an acknowledgment of the final effect of our acts and thoughts—what we have become. It is not enough for anyone just to go through the motions. The commandments, ordinances, and covenants of the gospel are not a list of deposits required to be made in some heavenly account. The gospel of Jesus Christ is a plan that shows us how to become what our Heavenly Father desires us to become.” (CR, Oct. 2000)

# Plan of Salvation

Alma 11:41-45

Why is it important for everyone to know that, know matter what they have done in this life, their bodies will rise from the dead and live forever?



## Dallin H. Oaks

"I wonder if we fully appreciate the enormous significance of our belief in a literal, universal resurrection. The assurance of immortality is fundamental to our faith....

"The 'lively hope' we are given by the resurrection is our conviction that death is not the conclusion of our identity but merely a necessary step in the destined transition from mortality to immortality. This hope changes the whole perspective of mortal life. The assurance of resurrection and immortality affects how we look on the physical challenges of mortality, how we live our mortal lives, and how we relate to those around us....

"The assurance of immortality also helps us bear the mortal separations involved in the death of our loved ones. Every one of us has wept at a death, grieved through a funeral, or stood in pain at a graveside. I am surely one who has. We should all praise God for the assured resurrection that makes our mortal separations temporary and gives us the hope and strength to carry on." (CR, April 2000)

# Plan of Salvation

Alma 12:9-11

What is the condition that determines whether we receive more or less of the mysteries of God?



## Joseph Fielding Smith

“Men receive assurance and knowledge due to their faithfulness and adherence to the commandments of Jesus Christ. Those who reject their Redeemer and refuse to keep his commandments cannot know and comprehend these eternal truths....

“Naturally the Lord cannot reveal the mysteries of his kingdom to the scoffer, neither can he to the member of the Church who is not faithful. If a man does not exercise faith why should he have the revelations concerning the kingdom of God revealed to him? They cannot understand them because they are ‘fallen’ man, and without the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, they are as the Lord expressed it, ‘carnal, sensual and devilish.’ (Man, His Origin and Destiny, pg. 358–60)

## Angel Abrea

“Don’t harden your heart. Seek to know. In other words, have an intense, consuming desire to know. Give place for a seed to be planted in your heart. And if you do this, do you know what the promise is? Alma tells us, ‘He that will not harden his heart, to him is given ... to know the mysteries of God’ (Alma 12:10).” (CR, April 2000)



# Plan of Salvation

Alma 12:12,24

How does this mortal life play an essential role in our eternal existence?

## Russell M. Nelson

"We eagerly anticipated the possibility of coming to earth and obtaining a physical body. Knowingly we wanted the risks of mortality, which would allow the exercise of agency and accountability. 'This life [was to become] a probationary state; a time to prepare to meet God.' But we regarded the returning home as the best part of that long-awaited trip, just as we do now. Before embarking on any journey, we like to have some assurance of a round-trip ticket. Returning from earth to life in our heavenly home requires passage through—and not around—the doors of death. We were born to die, and we die to live. As seedlings of God, we barely blossom on earth; we fully flower in heaven." (CR, April 1992)



# Plan of Salvation

Alma 12:28-30

What must we do in order to gain an understanding and testimony Gods plan of salvation?

## James A. Cullimore

"Possibly one's concern about not having lived well is really in not knowing what his real purpose in life is. Real peace of mind comes from a firm conviction of the plan of salvation as revealed to us of the Lord; that we are the children of God, created in his image; that he is the Father of our spirits; that we lived with him in a glorious spiritual existence before this temporal existence; that this mortal state is probationary; that through death and the resurrection, having lived a worthy life, having complied with the ordinances of the gospel, we might enter again into the presence of God. Peace comes as we know the gospel and live it, as we develop a strong testimony of its divinity, as we are vindicated by the Holy Spirit in our good works." (CR, Oct. 1969)



# Plan of Salvation

Alma 12:32-34,37

What must we do in order to make this plan effective in our lives and “enter into the rest of God”?

## Rafael E. Pino

"Latter-day revelations show that our Heavenly Father created a great plan of happiness for all His children, a very special plan so that we can return to live with Him. Understanding this plan of happiness provides us with an eternal perspective and helps us to truly value the commandments, the ordinances, the covenants, and the trials and tribulations.

"One key principle comes from Alma: 'Therefore God gave unto them commandments, after having made known unto them the plan of redemption.' (Alma 12:32) It is interesting to note the sequence in the teaching process. Our Heavenly Father first taught Adam and Eve the plan of redemption, and then He gave them commandments.

"This is a great truth. Understanding the plan will help people keep the commandments, make better decisions, and have the right motivation." (CR, April 2015)



# Iniquity Leads to Destruction

Alma 10:13-15,20

Why do you think that these administrators of the law felt threatened by Alma and Amulek?

What tactics did they use to try to destroy Alma and Amulek

How did these wicked men get in the position to administer the law?

# Iniquity Leads to Destruction

Alma 10:19

What do you think would be an indication that the voice of the people have chosen iniquity?



# Iniquity Leads to Destruction

Alma 10:22-23

Spencer W. Kimball

"There are many many upright and faithful who live all the commandments and whose lives and prayers keep the world from destruction." (CR, April 1971)



# Iniquity Leads to Destruction

*Alma 10:26-27*

What were the lawyers and judges doing that could bring about the destruction on the people?

Next Week:

June 24–30

Alma 13–16

“Enter Into the Rest of the Lord”

