

July 8–14
Alma 23–29
They “Never Did Fall Away”



Truly Converted

Alma 23:5-7

Why do you think that of the thousands who were converted “[none] did fell away”?

What do you think it means to us to “lay down the weapons of [our] rebellion”?

David A. Bednar

"Two major elements are described in these verses: (1) 'the knowledge of the truth', which may be interpreted as a testimony, and (2) 'converted unto the Lord', which I understand to be conversion to the Savior and His gospel. Thus, the powerful combination of both testimony and conversion unto the Lord produced firmness and steadfastness and provided spiritual protection.

"They never did fall away and surrendered 'the weapons of their rebellion, that they did not fight against God any more.' To set aside cherished 'weapons of rebellion' such as selfishness, pride, and disobedience requires more than merely believing and knowing. Conviction, humility, repentance, and submissiveness precede the abandonment of our weapons of rebellion. Do you and I still possess weapons of rebellion that keep us from becoming converted unto the Lord? If so, then we need to repent now." (CR, Oct. 2012)

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Alma 23:16-18

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Alma 24:1-2

Why do you think the hatred of Lamanites towards the Anti-Nephi-Lehies was “exceedingly sore”?

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Alma 24:29-30

What reason is given that none of the former Nephites joined the people of the Lord?

2 Peter 2:20-22

[20] For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

[21] For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

[22] But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

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Alma 24:7-11

Why were they so insistent to never take up weapons of war again even though they had the right to protect their lives?

How did they know that God had forgiven them?

M. Russell Ballard

"We need to remember that Christ came to remove guilt by forgiving those who repent. He came to bring peace to the troubled soul. 'Peace I leave with you,' He said. 'My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid' (John 14:27). Through the miraculous Atonement He urges us to 'take my yoke upon you, ... and ye shall find rest unto your souls' (Matthew 11:29)

"As the power of the Atonement begins to work in our lives, we come to understand that the Savior has already born the burden of our guilt. O that we may be wise enough to understand, to repent as necessary, and to let go of our guilt." (CR, Oct. 2006)

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Alma 24:12-14

In what way did they recognize that the great things that they had been taught would be a blessing beyond them and their lives?

Ezra Taft Benson

"We must know these essential truths. Aaron and Ammon and their brethren in the Book of Mormon taught these same kinds of truths to the Lamanite people, who were 'in the darkest abyss' (Alma 26:3). After accepting these eternal truths, the Book of Mormon states, those converted Lamanites never did fall away.

"If our children and grandchildren are taught and heed these same truths, will they fall away? We best instruct them in the Book of Mormon at our dinner table, by our firesides, at their bedsides, and in our letters and phone calls-in all of our goings and comings." (CR, Oct. 1984)

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Alma 24:15-16

Why did the king and his people bury their swords in the ground?

They Kept Their Covenants

Alma 24:20-27

Richard G. Scott

"Many of their unconverted brethren came upon them and began to slay them. The now-faithful people chose to succumb to the sword rather than risk their spiritual lives by taking up arms. Their righteous example helped even more people to be converted and to lay down their weapons of rebellion." (CR, Oct. 2013)

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Alma 25:6-9

When the Lamanites began to soften their hearts, what did they remember?

What does this teach us about the long-term effect of the effort of missionary work?

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Alma 25:13-14

In this case, what caused the Lamanites to repent of their sins and join the People of Ammon?

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Alma 26:1-3

What great blessing did Ammon state that the Lord give to him and his brethren?

James E. Faust

“You can be powerful instruments in the hands of God to help bring about this great work.... Blessings and a comforting peace will come to you if you can love God ‘with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself’ (Luke 10:27). If you have done your best, which you usually do, your humble offering, whatever it may be, will be acceptable and pleasing to the Lord” (CR, Oct. 2005)

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Alma 26:4-7

In what ways were the People of Ammon blessed?

Elder Neal A. Maxwell

"Clearly, when we baptize, our eyes should gaze beyond the baptismal font to the holy temple. The great garner into which the sheaves should be gathered is the holy temple". (Church News, Sept. 17, 1994)

They Kept Their Covenants

Alma 27:26-27

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July 15–21

Alma 30–31

“The Virtue of the Word of God”

