

May 13–19
Mosiah 11–17

“A Light... That Can Never Be Darkened”



Review

- Zeniff leads a group from Zarahemla to possess the land of Nephi
- The Lamanite king permits them to settle with the intent to enslave them
- After 13 years the Lamanites attack the people of Zeniff but they drive them back
- They had peace for 10 years before the Lamanites attacked again
- Zeniff spends the next 10 years built defenses and prepared his people for war
- Again the Lamanites attack and again they are defeated
- Zeniff conferred the kingdom on his son, Noah

King Noah: Pride

Mosiah 11:1-6

What did king Noah do that corrupted the doctrine and authority of the church?

King Noah: Pride

Mosiah 11:7-11,14-15

What do you think it means to speak “vain flattering words”?

2 Nephi 28:21

And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well -- and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.

Ezra Taft Benson

“Seeking the applause of the world, we like to be honored by the men the world honors. But therein lies real danger, for oftentimes, in order to receive those honors, we must join forces with and follow those same devilish influences and policies which brought some of those men to positions of prominence.... Today we are being plagued within by the flattery of prominent men in the world.” (CR, Oct. 1964)

King Noah: Pride

Mosiah 11:18-19

What evidence do we see that the people were led to commit great sins because of their leader's "vain flattering words"?

Zeniff and his people were examples of those who seek happiness and security in the things of heaven. They learned that to prosper in the land, they would have to obey the commandments of the Lord. King Noah and his priests, only one generation later, were examples of those who seek happiness and security in the things of the world. They tried to gratify their vanity with the construction of luxurious buildings and to find security without the protection of God.... True happiness and security can come only from Christ, through whom alone is salvation. (Kent P. Jackson & Morgan W. Turner, "Studies in Scripture", 7:239)

Abinadi Teaches and Warns the People

Mosiah 11:20,23-25

What does Abinadi warn them will happen if they do not “repent and turn unto the Lord”?

What is Abinadi’s warning about how the Lord will respond if they wait for this destruction before they repent?

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.

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Mosiah 12:7-8

What will those who study the Book of Mormon learn from reading about the wickedness of king Noah and his followers?

Mosiah 29:18

Yea, remember king Noah, his wickedness and his abominations, and also the wickedness and abominations of his people. Behold what great destruction did come upon them; and also because of their iniquities they were brought into bondage.

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Mosiah 12:9,13-15

What can we learn from how these people rationalized that they did not need to repent?

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Mosiah 12:28-30

Why do you think the people knowing
embraced the wicked and corrupt priests?

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Mosiah 12:20-24

Can we answer the priest's question -
Who's feet are "beautiful upon the mountains?"
Who are the "watchmen?"

Mark E. Petersen

"Have you ever asked yourselves who these people are, who preach the gospel of peace and whose feet are so beautiful upon the mountains? Abinadi, in the Book of Mormon, gives us the explanation. These people are the prophets of God—they who preach the gospel of the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ....

"The prophets, then, are the servants of Jesus Christ and have been from the beginning of time. And because they are his servants and preach his gospel of peace, behold, how beautiful upon the mountains are their feet. We honor them. We shall follow them, and through them we shall work out our salvation here on earth in the Lord's own way." (CR, Oct. 1972)

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Mosiah 12:25-27

What reason does Abinadi give for the priests not being able to understand the scriptures?

How can we apply our hearts to understanding when studying the scriptures?

Alma 12:10

And therefore, he that will harden his heart, the same receiveth the lesser portion of the word; and he that will not harden his heart, to him is given the greater portion of the word, until it is given unto him to know the mysteries of God until he know them in full.

D&C 8:2-3

Yea, behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart. Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation...

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Mosiah 13:4-8

Why do you think that the truth of Abinadi's words filled the priests with anger?

Alma 35:3

The Zoramites... were angry because of the word, for it did destroy their craft...

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Mosiah 13:29-31

Why did the Israelites need a very strict law?

How has the Law of Christ changed the way
the we strive to always remember Him?

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Mosiah 14 Summary

Abinadi quotes Isaiah 53

The Savior lived meekly and humbly (14:2)

Many people rejected Him (14:3)

He carried our grief's and sorrows (14:4)

He took upon Himself the sins of all people (4:5-6,8,10-12)

He willingly subjected Himself to persecution and death (14:7-9)

He was without sin (14:9)

Abinadi Teaches and Testifies of Christ

Mosiah 15:1-4

Why do you think that Abinadi refers Christ as our father in these verses?

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Mosiah 15:11-12

Who is referred to as being Christ's seed?

Joseph Fielding Smith

"What is a father? One who begets or gives life. What did our Savior do? He begot us, or gave us life from death... If it had not been for the death of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the spirit and body would never have been united again. Death would have been inevitable and... if there had been no redemption from death our spirits would have been taken captive by Satan, and we would have become subject to Satan's will forever.

"What did our Savior do? He begot us in that sense. He became a father to us because he gave us immortality or eternal life through his death and sacrifice upon the cross. I think we have a perfect right to speak of him as Father." (CR, Oct. 1962)

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Mosiah 16:4-5,12-13

If we “[persist] in [our] own carnal nature,” why will it be for us “as though there was no redemption made”?

Matthew L. Carpenter

"Through Jesus Christ and His atoning sacrifice, we can be redeemed from our sins and brought back to the presence of God the Father if we repent. Spiritual healing is not one-sided—it requires the Savior's redemptive power and sincere repentance on the part of the sinner. For those who choose not to repent, they are rejecting the healing Christ offers. For them, it is as though no redemption was made." (CR, Oct. 2018)

Abinadi Teaches and Testifies of Christ

Mosiah 15:20-23

What is the resurrection that is described in these verses?

Bruce R. McConkie

“To those who lived before the resurrection of Christ, the day of his coming forth from the dead was known as the first resurrection. Abinadi and Alma, for instance, so considered it. To those who have lived since that day, the first resurrection is yet future and will take place at the time of the Second Coming.” (Mormon Doctrine, pg. 639)

Abinadi Teaches and Testifies of Christ

Mosiah 16:7-11

What do you think Abinadi meant by “the sting of death is swallowed up in Christ”?

Dallin H. Oaks

"The possibility that a mortal who has died will be brought forth and live again in a resurrected body has awakened hope and stirred controversy through much of recorded history. Relying on clear scriptural teachings, Latter-day Saints join in affirming that Christ has 'broken the bands of death' and that 'death is swallowed up in victory.' Because we believe the Bible and Book of Mormon descriptions of the literal Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we also readily accept the numerous scriptural teachings that a similar resurrection will come to all mortals who have ever lived upon this earth. As Jesus taught, 'Because I live, ye shall live also' (John 14:19)." (CR, April 2000)

Abinadi's Martyrdom

Mosiah 17:9-10,11-12

What does Abinadi teach us about the importance of never wavering from our testimony?

Ezra Taft Benson

“Christ changes men, and changed men can change the world. Men changed for Christ will be captained by Christ.... Men captained by Christ will be consumed in Christ.... Their will is swallowed up in His will. They do always those things that please the Lord. Not only would they die for the Lord, but more important they want to live for Him.” (CR, Oct. 1985)

Next Week:

May 20–26

Mosiah 18–24

“We Have Entered Into a Covenant with Him”

