

April 29–May 5
Mosiah 4–6
“A Mighty Change”



Review

In chapters 2 and 3 King Benjamin prepared his people to receive a remission of their sins:

He humbled them by telling them how carnal they were, “even less than the dust of the earth”. And that they would always be “unprofitable servants”

He told them about an angel that had taught him about Christ; His ministry, atonement, death and resurrection. That Christ made justification possible.

And he told them how to use this gift from Christ to receive a remission of sins.

Faith and Repentance

Mosiah 4:1-2

What do you think you see in yourself if you view yourself in your own “carnal state”?

What caused them to view themselves in a “carnal state”?

What does this teach us about what we should do when we recognize that we are in this state?

Alma 41:11

And now, my son, all men that are in a state of nature, or I would say, in a carnal state, are in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity; they are without God in the world, and they have gone contrary to the nature of God; therefore, they are in a state contrary to the nature of happiness.

Mosiah 4:5

For behold, if the knowledge of the goodness of God at this time has awakened you to a sense of your nothingness, and your worthless and fallen state-

Faith and Repentance

Mosiah 4:3

According to this verse, what can help us know that we've received a remission of our sins?

Marion G. Romney

"Somebody recently asked how one could know when he is converted. The answer is simple. He may be assured of it when by the power of the Holy Spirit his soul is healed. When this occurs, he will recognize it by the way he feels, for he will feel as the people of Benjamin felt when they received remission of sins. The record says, 'the Spirit of the Lord came upon them, and they were filled with joy, having received a remission of their sins, and having peace of conscience.'" (CR, Oct 1963)

Faith and Repentance

Mosiah 4:4-7

What effect does having these experiences, which leads to a “knowledge of the goodness of God,” have on us?

Faith and Repentance

Mosiah 4:9-10

Why is it so important that we follow up our understanding and knowledge with action?

Spencer W. Kimball

"With the final amen this afternoon still ringing in our ears, let us go back to our homes with a determination to do better and to put into practice those principles we have learned about in the last two days.

"Brothers and sisters, our challenge is the same as it always is when we have been taught correct principles. The challenge has been put well by an ancient prophet who said, 'Now, if you believe all these things see that ye do them.' We must not let the inner resolves we have made during this conference be forgotten as we return to the trials and tribulations and responsibilities of a workaday world, a world of turmoil and strife." (CR, Oct. 1980)

Faith and Repentance

Mosiah 4:11-12,26

What are some of the things that we must do to retain a remission of our sins, retain the state of justification, and walk guiltless before God?

Neal A. Maxwell

“Much emphasis was given by King Benjamin to retaining a remission of our sins. We do not ponder that concept very much in the church. We ought to think of it a lot more. Retention clearly depends on the regularity of our repentance. In the church we worry, and should, over the retention of new members but the retention of our remissions is cause for even deeper concern.”

("King Benjamin's Sermon: A Manual for Discipleship", FARMS, 1998, pg. 16)

Taking on the Name of Christ

Mosiah 5:1-2,4

What had changed in the people and how had this change taken place?

When we are taught the gospel of Christ how can “we know of their surety and truth”?

David A. Bednar

"As we press forward submissively with faith in the Savior, then because of His Atonement and by the power of the Holy Ghost, 'a mighty change [takes place] in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually' (Mosh 5:2). We are 'born again; yea, born of God, changed from [our] carnal and fallen state, to a state of righteousness, being redeemed of God.' (Mosh 27:25) 'Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.' (2Cor 5:17)" (CR, Oct. 2017)

Taking on the Name of Christ

Mosiah 5:5-7

What happened that prompted king Benjamin tell the people that they are now the children of Christ?

What do we learn from these verses about the importance of making covenants to obey God?

Joseph Fielding Smith

“The Son of God has a perfect right to call us his children, spiritually begotten, and we have a perfect right to look on him as our father who spiritually begot us.

“Now if these critics would read carefully the Book of Mormon, they would find that when the Savior came and visited the Nephites, he told them that he had been sent by his Father. He knelt before them, and he prayed to his Father. He taught them to pray to his Father, but that did not lessen in the least our duty and responsibility of looking upon the Son of God as a father to us because he spiritually begot us.” (CR, Oct. 1962)

D. Todd Christofferson

“When this true faith takes root in a person, it inevitably leads to repentance....

“To be complete, however, repentance requires a covenant of obedience. This is the covenant expressed by Benjamin’s people ‘to do [God’s] will, and to be obedient to his commandments’ (Mosh 5:5). This is the covenant witnessed by baptism in water, sometimes referred to in the scriptures as the ‘baptism of repentance’ or ‘baptism unto repentance,’ inasmuch as it is the culminating step, the capstone of our repentance.” (CR, April 2008)

Taking on the Name of Christ

Mosiah 5:8-9,15

Why do you think that being obedient to the Lord brings you freedom?

What do you think king Benjamin means when he admonishes his people to be “steadfast and immovable”?

Mary N. Cook

"An anchor is defined as something 'that provides stability or confidence in an otherwise uncertain situation.' Your testimony will be your anchor and will give you the confidence to stand 'steadfast and immovable' in keeping the Lord's commandments in an uncertain world." (CR, April 2008)

Taking on the Name of Christ

Mosiah 6:1-2

How do we enter into a covenant to take on the name of Christ?

Robert D. Hales

"When we are baptized, we 'take upon [us] the name of Christ' and enter 'into the covenant with God that [we will] be obedient unto the end of [our] lives' (Mosh 5:8). Each Sunday we renew that baptismal covenant by partaking of the sacrament and witnessing that we are willing to keep the commandments. We seek forgiveness for any thoughts, feelings, or actions that are not in harmony with our Heavenly Father's will. As we repent by turning away from disobedience and by beginning to obey again, we show our love for Him."
(CR, April 2014)

Good Works

Mosiah 4:14-15

Gordon B. Hinckley

“The health of any society, the happiness of its people, their prosperity, and their peace all find their roots in the teaching of children by fathers and mothers” (CR, Oct. 1993)

Good Works

Mosiah 4:16-21

What danger do we face if we judge others before we act charitably?

H. Burke Peterson

“Charity is measured in several ways. Perhaps a supreme form of charity may be exhibited by one who withholds judgment of another’s acts or conduct, remembering that there is only one who can look into the heart and know the intent—and know the honest desires found therein. There is only one whose right it is to judge the success of another’s journey through life. Uncalled-for judgments or prejudiced feelings keep many from displaying a truly charitable attitude or a willingness to help those in need.” (CR, April 1981)

Good Works

Mosiah 4:27

What do you think it means to do all things “in wisdom and order”?

D&C 10:4

Do not run faster or labor more than you have strength and means provided to enable you to translate; but be diligent unto the end.

Good Works

Mosiah 4:29-30

Next Week:

May 6–12

Mosiah 7–10

“In the Strength of the Lord”

