

Lesson 108

Suggested Hymn:
#2 The Spirit of God

A PILLAR OF FIRE

HELAMAN 5



*Your
Name*

Parents

*The
Atonement
of Jesus
Christ*

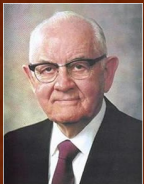
Was it easy or hard to remember these words and phrases?

Prophets

Repentance

*Keep the
commandments*

What difference do you think it made that you were told in advance that you needed to remember what was on the paper strips?

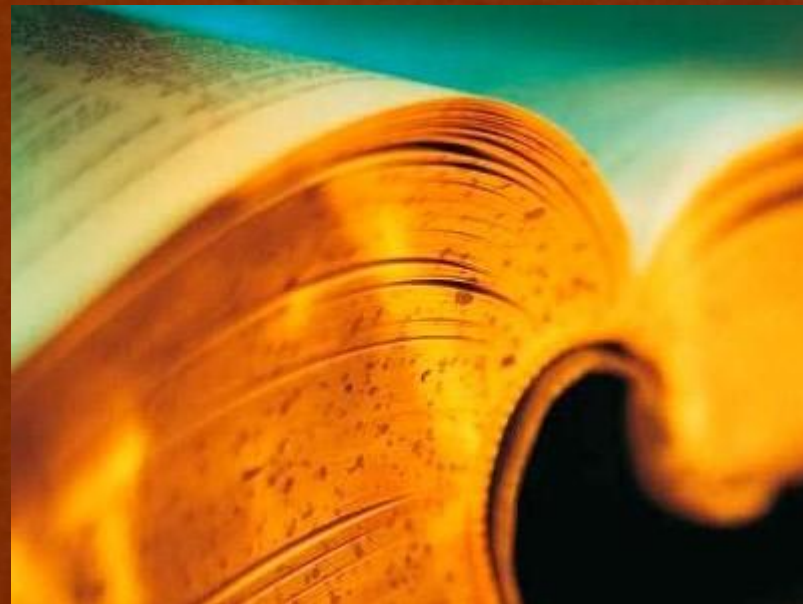


Remember

“When you look in the dictionary for the most important word, do you know what it is?”

It could be *remember*.

Because all of you have made covenants—you know what to do and you know how to do it—our greatest need is to remember.”
Spencer W. Kimball



“Satan wants us to be slow to remember what we have received and heard. He wants us to minimize and even forget the quiet witnesses of the Spirit that have told us who we really are.”

Susan L. Warner

What's In a Name?

Remembering our ancestors and their good works can inspire us to do good.



Glen S. Hopkinson



James H. Fullmer

Nephi And Lehi

They were the son's of Helaman, grandson's of Alma

They were taught by their father whose leadership was anchored in the Redeemer, Jesus Christ

Nephi succeeded his father as chief judge around 39 BC until 30 BC and had kept the sacred record

Nephi gave up the judgment seat to Cezoram in order to serve the Lord, Lehi also went with Nephi

They went from city to city preaching repentance

Through Nephi and Lehi's endeavors some 8,000 Lamanites were brought into the fold living in the vicinity of Zarahemla

They labored 6 years and witnessed that pride had crept in among the people

They endured prison and fire, but were not burned (Hel. 5)

Nephi was granted sealing powers (Helaman 10:7)

Around AD 1 Nephi's ministry was completed and he turned the sacred records over to his eldest son Nephi

Lehi served in Zarahemla

Nephi left the land and 'whither he went, no man knoweth'



Cezoram I and Cezoram II

He was the chief judge of the land for the Nephite people in around 30 BC following Helaman, son of Helaman

At this time the laws had become corrupt

He was murdered by an 'unknown hand' in around 26 BC on the judgment seat

His son, Cezoram, was appointed by the people after his father's death

He was also assassinated by the Gadianton conspiracy who were rapidly gaining power



Laws Corrupt

A corrupt government is when the people choose corrupt leaders

King Mosiah had warned against:

“And if the time comes that the voice of the people doth choose iniquity, then is the time that the judgments of God will come upon you; yea, then is the time he will visit you with great destruction even as he has hitherto visited this land.”

Mosiah 29:27



“We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion.

*Hence many are called, but few are chosen.”
D&C 121:39-40*

What makes a Good Leader?



Inquisitiveness

- ? When you are looking for a leader you want someone who asks lots of questions.
- ? A leader is someone who asks the right questions and genuinely looking for answers.
- ? Curiosity is critical for leadership.
- ? Leaders have a need, or hunger, for answers.
- ? Knowledge is power (whoever has the information has the lead)
- ? The best problem solvers are those who are driven by an unquenchable enthusiasm for knowing and understanding things.

People who are content with what they don't know, happy to remain ignorant about what they don't understand, complacent about what they haven't analyzed, and comfortable living with problems they haven't solved...such people can not lead.

Initiative



A leader has drive, ambition, and energy.



A true leader must be the kind of person who makes things happen.



He/She is a starter.



A leader should be physically fit and spiritually sound.

People who are passive and hesitant do not make strong leaders.

Involvement



True leaders are always in the middle of the action.



They do not sit on the background and tell others what to do.



A true leader goes around with a cloud of dust around them.



A true leader must show the way.



A true leader goes before his followers into battle.



A true leader has courage.

People can not follow someone who is distant or ignores problems around them.

People who bail out of problems instead of facing them do not make good leaders.

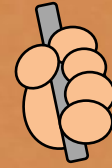
People who blame others for their mistakes do not make good leaders.

Integrity



Making a commitment and being consistent.

What makes a Righteous Leader?



Taking ownership of your mistakes.



Being a good role model.



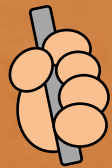
Follow ethical standards and rules.



Committing to your core values.

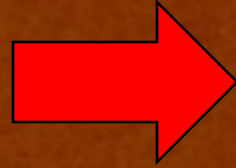


Being honest with family and associates

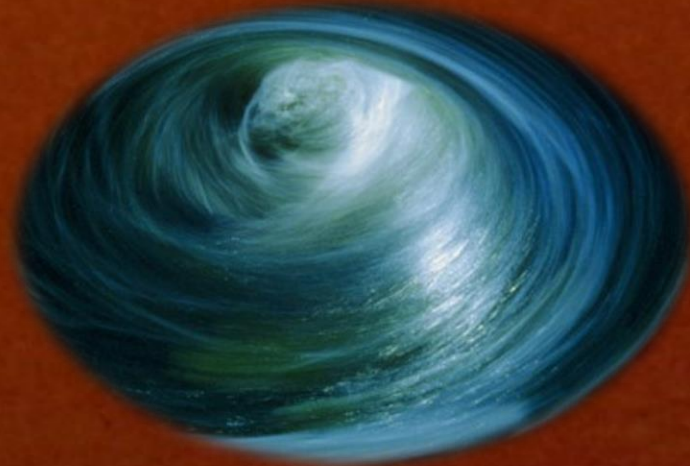


Strong Moral Principles

Doctrinal Mastery



“And now, my sons, remember, remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation; that when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds, yea, his shafts in the whirlwind, yea, when all his hail and his mighty storm shall beat upon you, it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of misery and endless wo, because of the rock upon which ye are built, which is a sure foundation, a foundation whereon if men build they cannot fall.”

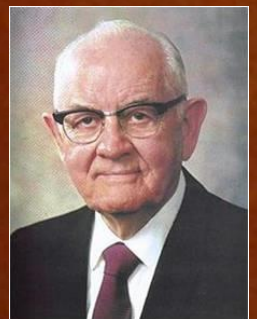


“We, too, are faced with powerful, destructive forces unleashed by the adversary. Waves of sin, wickedness, immorality, degradation, tyranny, deceitfulness, conspiracy, and dishonesty threaten all of us. They come with great power and speed and will destroy us if we are not watchful.

“But a warning is sounded for us. It behooves us to be alert and to listen and flee from the evil for our eternal lives. Without help we cannot stand against it. We must flee to high ground or cling fast to that which can keep us from being swept away. That to which we must cling for safety is the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our protection from whatever force the evil one can muster.

An inspired Book of Mormon prophet counseled his people: ‘Remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation; that when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds, yea, his shafts in the whirlwind, yea, when all his hail and his mighty storm shall beat upon you, it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of misery and endless wo’ (Hel. 5:12).”

President Spencer W. Kimball



**If we build our
foundation on
Jesus Christ, Satan
will have no power
over us.**



Do you recognize when Satan is trying to destroy your foundation?



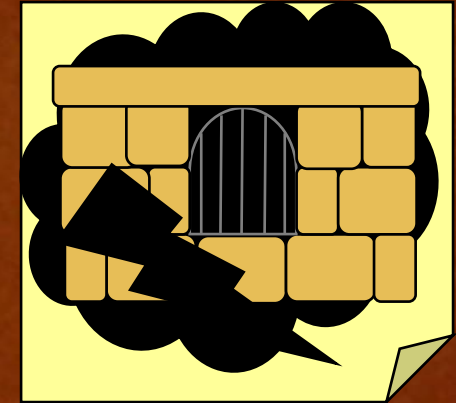
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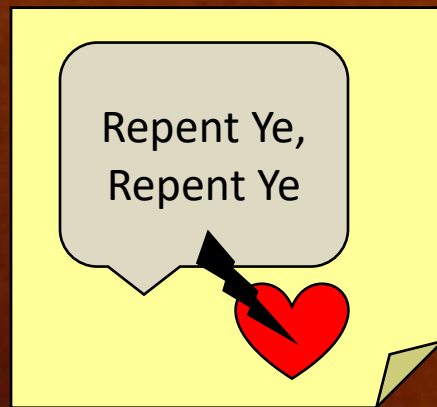
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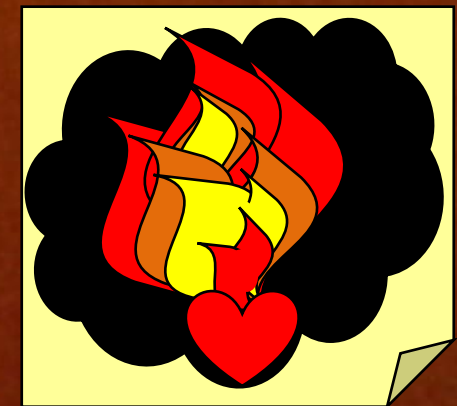
Helaman 5:29-34



Helaman 5:35-41



Helaman 5:42-44



Aminadab

He was a Nephite dissenter who had gone over to the Lamanite side during the days of Nephi and Lehi

While Nephi and Lehi were in prison Aminadab observed the radiant faces of the prisoners as they were encircled by fire

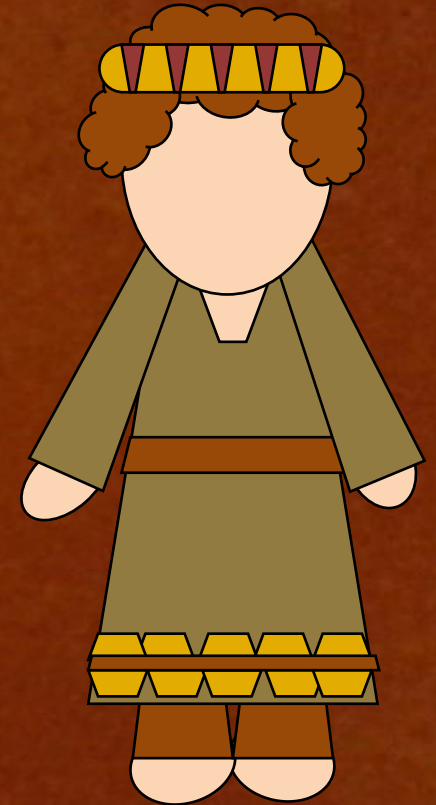
He told the crowd , who were encircled by a dark cloud, that the prisoners were in 'converse with the angels of God'

The crowd asked Aminadab what to do, and he responded, "You must repent..."

Aminadab knew of the words preached by Alma, Amulek, and Zeezrom

The crowd immediately followed Aminadab's suggestion and the darkness left and they were filled with 'that joy which is unspeakable and full of glory'

There were about 300 people converted at that time





Encircled By Fire

The Lord's Protection

This particular experience could refer to a general protective influence of the Spirit or, more likely, to the presence of heavenly beings in the prison with Lehi and Nephi”

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*“Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”
(See Daniel 3:19-27)*

*Joseph Smith sees his brother Alvin
“I saw the transcendent beauty of the gate through which the heirs of that kingdom will enter, which was like unto circling flames of fire;”
D&C 137:2*

Faces of Angels

“...that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him... And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face shone:”
Exodus 24:29, 35



Helaman 5:36



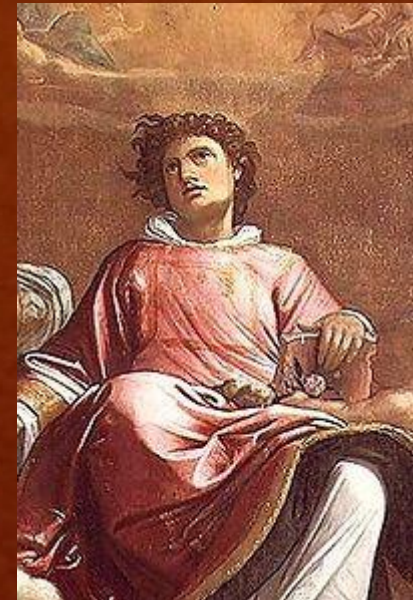
“Now it came to pass after Abinadi had spoken these words that the people of king Noah durst not lay their hands on him, for the Spirit of the Lord was upon him; and his face shone with exceeding luster, even as Moses’ did while in the mount of Sinai, while speaking with the Lord.”

Mosiah 13:5

Stephen

“And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.”

Acts 6:15



Filled as if with Fire



John the Baptist

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with fire*:”

Matthew 3:11

“The reception of the Holy Ghost is the baptism of fire spoken of in the scriptures”

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Adam

“And he heard a voice out of heaven, saying: Thou art baptized with fire, and with the Holy Ghost. This is the record of the Father, and the Son, from henceforth and forever;”

Moses 6:66

The 4th Article of Faith

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, I know that if ye shall follow the Son, with full purpose of heart, acting no hypocrisy and no deception before God, but with real intent, repenting of your sins, witnessing unto the Father that ye are willing to take upon you the name of Christ, by baptism—yea, by following your Lord and your Savior down into the water, according to his word, behold, then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost; yea, then cometh the **baptism of fire** and of the Holy Ghost; and then can ye speak with the tongue of angels, and shout praises unto the Holy One of Israel.”

2 Nephi 31:13

← Faith

← Repentance

← Baptism

← The Gift of the Holy Ghost

Ministering Angels

Peace unto you because of your faith

When we exercise faith in Jesus Christ and repent of our sins, the Holy Ghost will fill our hearts with peace and joy

“And now, when they heard this they cast up their eyes as if to behold from whence the voice came; and behold, they saw the heavens open; and angels came down out of heaven and ministered unto them.”

“And it came to pass that they did go forth, and did minister unto the people, declaring throughout all the regions round about all the things which they had heard and seen, insomuch that the more part of the Lamanites were convinced of them, because of the greatness of the evidences which they had received.”

“But there are no angels who minister to this earth but those who do belong or have belonged to it. The angels do not reside on a planet like this earth; But they reside in the presence of God, on a globe like a sea of glass and fire, where all things for their glory are manifest, past, present, and future, and are continually before the Lord.”

D&C 130:5-7



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