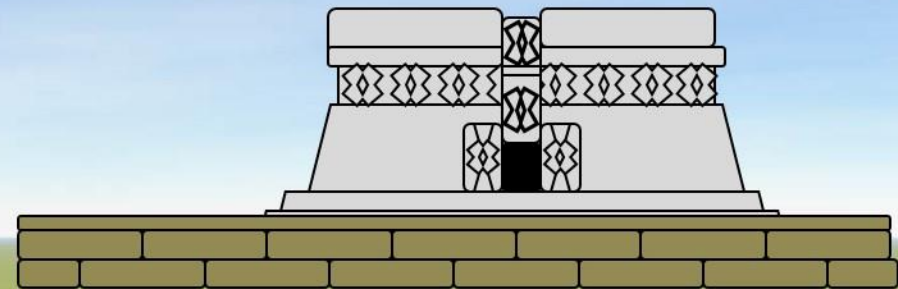
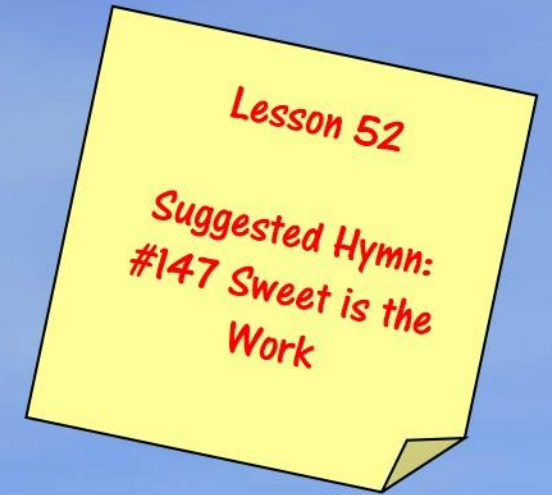


# “King’s Speech From on High”



Mosiah 2



# The Gathering

Who gathered?

Why did they gather?

Where did they gather?

What did they bring?



# Mount of the Lord's House

One always went “up” to the temple suggesting that the temples were built on a hill, or higher than where the people lived

Isaiah 2:2

“...*that* the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.”



# Burnt Offerings

An ordinance practiced in Adam's time  
Moses 5:7

This same offering will be offered again  
in our dispensation by the sons of Levi  
in fulfillment of the prophecies of  
Malachi and John the Baptist, and the  
promise of Joseph Smith

Malachi 3:3-4  
D&C 13  
Joseph Smith



Also

“That they might give thanks to the Lord  
their God, who had brought them out of  
the land of Jerusalem...”

# Patriarchal Organization

“According to his family:”

Including all members of their family



“And Adam and Eve blessed the name of God, and they made **all things known** unto their sons and their daughters.”

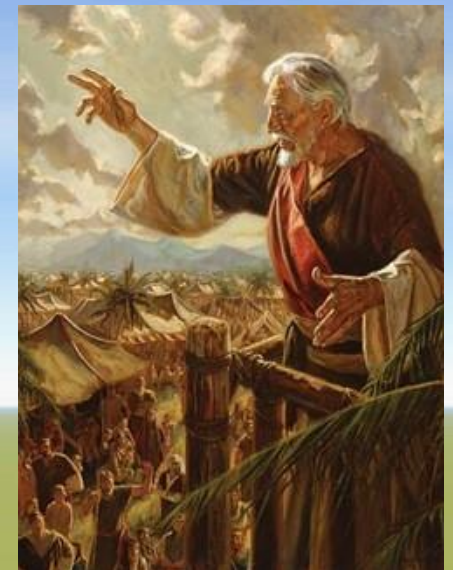
Moses 5:12

King Benjamin desired all the people, with their families, to hear the words of the Lord



“...it is more important than ever to make our families the center of our lives and the top of our priorities. Families lie at the center of our Heavenly Father’s plan.”

L. Tom Perry



# Pitch Their Tents



“They pitched their tents with their doors toward the temple so that they might hear the words of King Benjamin as he instructed them in the doctrine of eternal life.”

L. Tom Perry

Two Meanings:

Where your home is

Where your passions lie



Where your passions lie:

Genesis 13:12

“Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sodom.”



**Where your home is:**

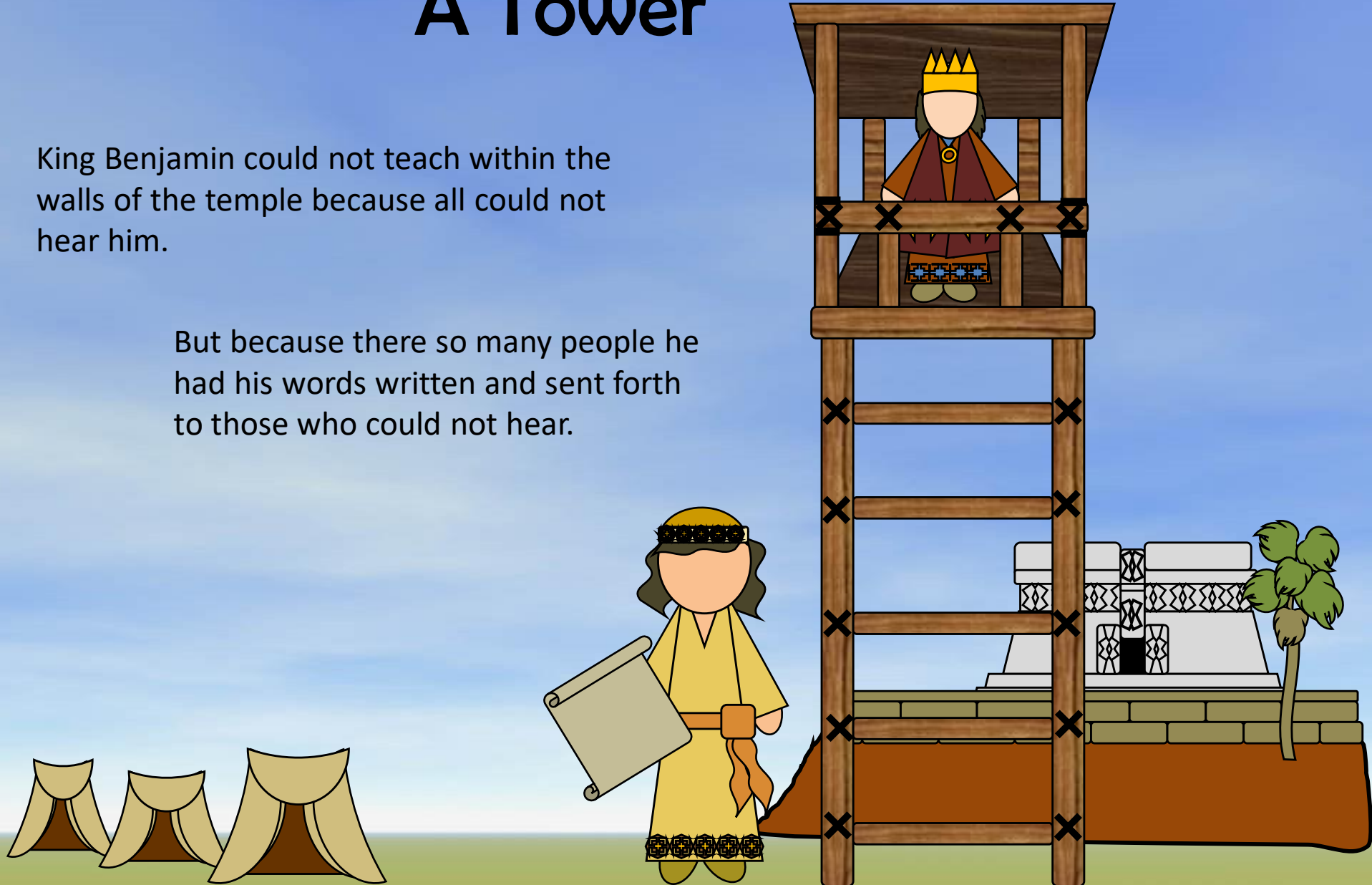
1 Nephi 2:15

*And my father dwelt in a tent.*

# A Tower

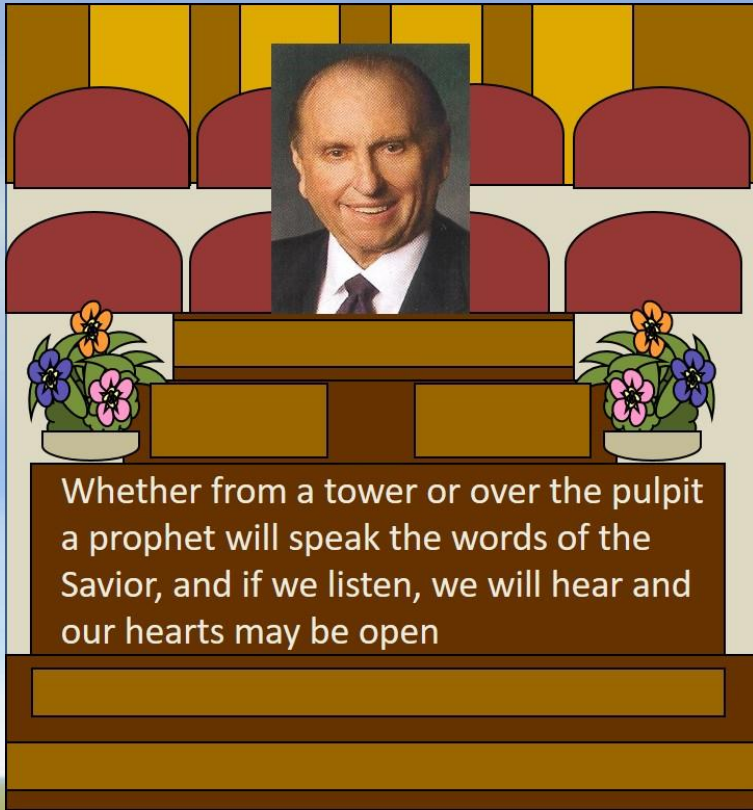
King Benjamin could not teach within the walls of the temple because all could not hear him.

But because there so many people he had his words written and sent forth to those who could not hear.



# To Hear the Words

“Hearken unto me, and open your ears that ye may hear”



If we open our ears, hearts, and minds to the teachings of God's servants, we can be blessed with understanding and personal revelation





# The Speech

Fear me not; I  
am a mortal  
man; I am like  
you

You have  
chosen me to  
be ruler and  
king over this  
land

I will serve you  
with all my  
might; I have  
not asked for  
riches

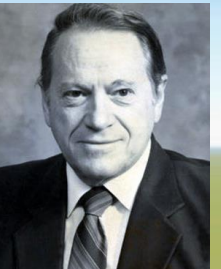
I have not made  
you slaves and  
ask you not to  
make slaves of  
one another

I have taught  
you to keep the  
commandments

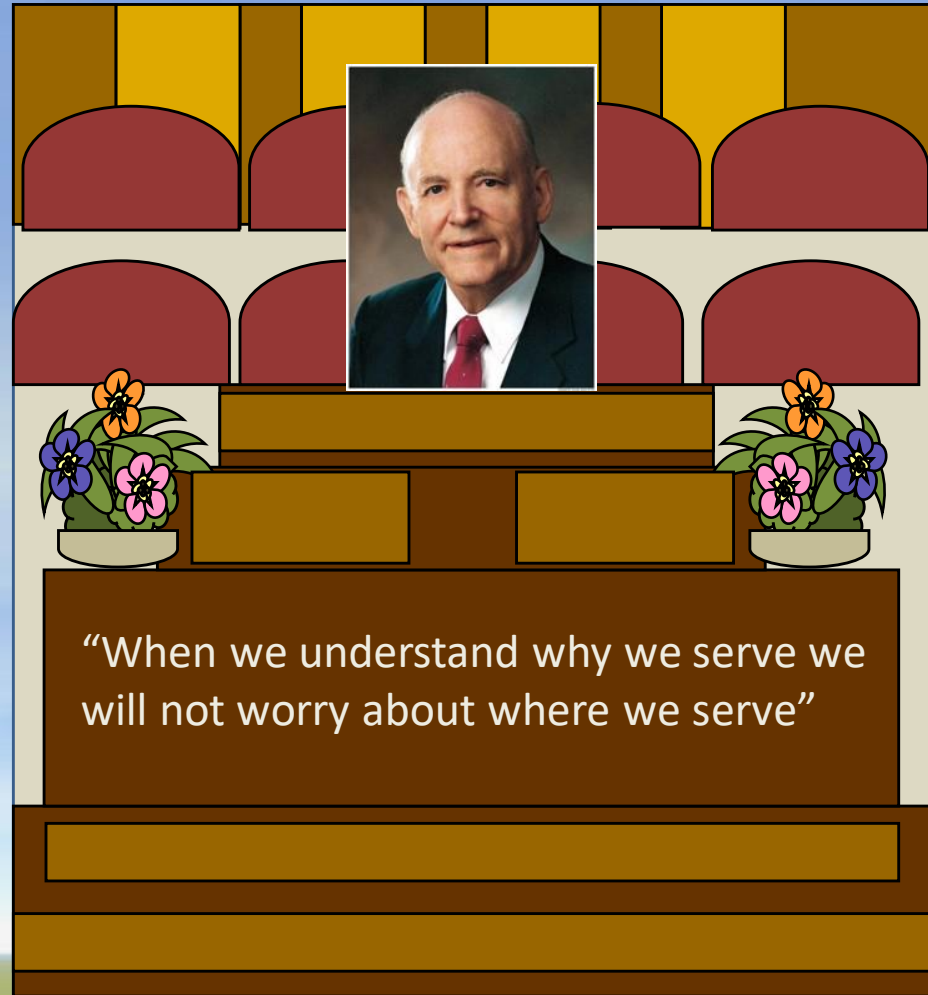
I will not  
burden you  
with taxes

“Burdensome, unjust taxation is a form of theft. King Benjamin realized that a government has no more right to steal from its citizens than the citizens have to steal from one another.”

Rodney Turner



# Labored With Mine Own Hands



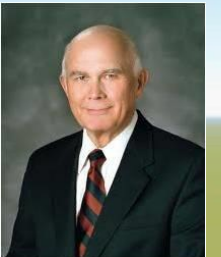
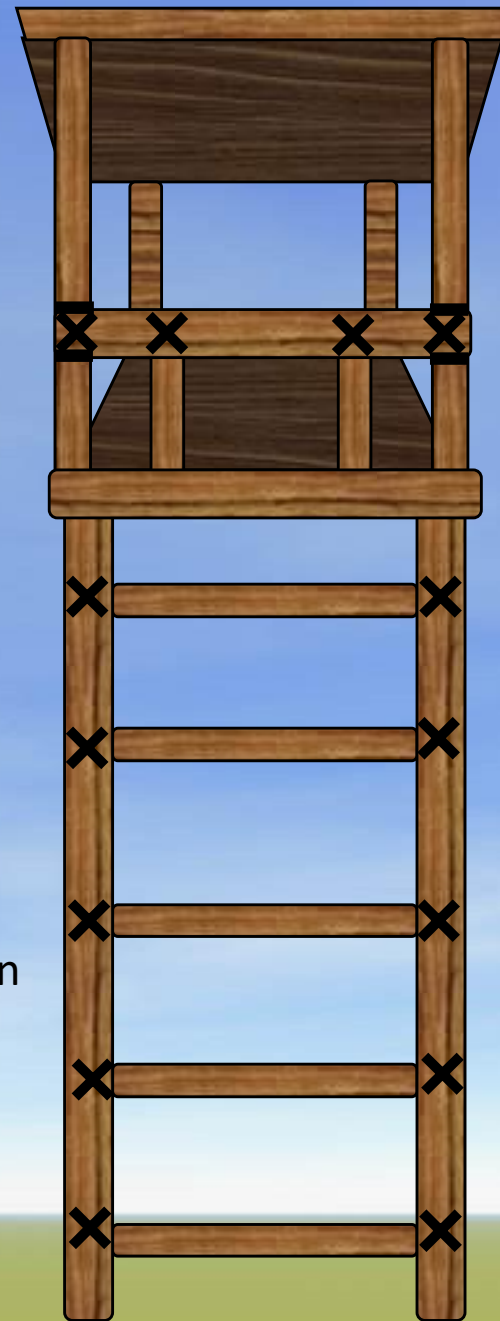
# Reasons for Service

1. Some serve for hope of earthy reward
2. Some serve to obtain good companionship...these persons are more selective in choosing their friends than the Master was in choosing his servants
3. Some serve out of fear of punishment
4. Some serve out of a sense of duty or out of loyalty to family, friends, or traditions— 'the good soldier'
5. The higher reason for service is the hope of an eternal reward...this hope is one of our most powerful motivations...

Each of the above is self-centered...

Those who follow the Savior's example must lose themselves in their service to others...if our service is to be most efficacious, it must be unconcerned with self and heedless of personal advantage. In order to stand blameless before God at the last day, we must also serve him with all our heart and mind."

Dallan H. Oaks



# Doctrinal Mastery



Mosiah 2:17



“And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.”

**When we serve others, we serve God.**

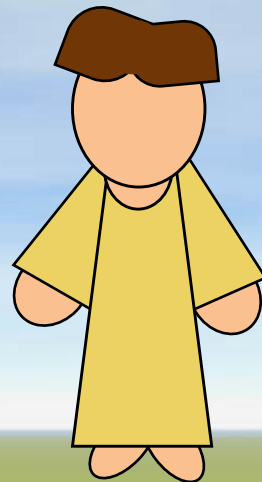
# Unprofitable Servants

People make a profit when they receive more than they give. We are unprofitable servants to our Heavenly Father because the value of the blessings He gives us will always greatly exceed the value of the service He receives from us.

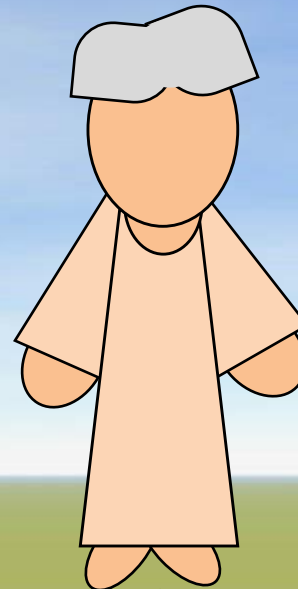
How does one repay his parent for raising them in righteousness?



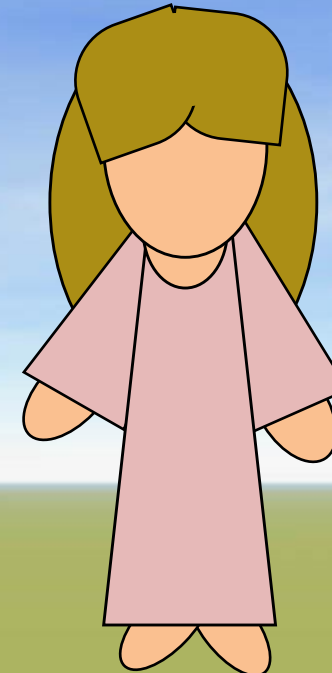
We can repay them by obedience and service (helping)



What is the greater debt we owe to God?



We can repay God through obedience and faithful service



“In our relationship with God we are at best unprofitable servants”



# Dust of the Earth



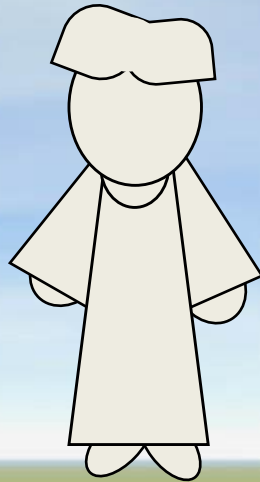
We did not create nor do we own the elements of the earth  
King Benjamin talks about the indebtedness to God by noting that even  
our bodies are made of borrowed materials

JFM and RLM

Adam, the first of all  
men, was formed  
from the ground  
Genesis 2:7



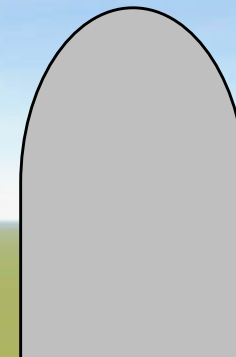
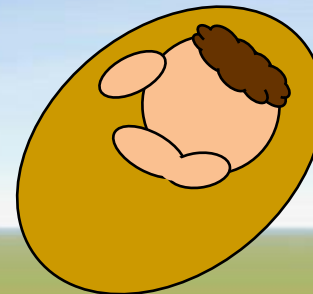
All mankind, according to  
our restored text, are born  
into mortality “by water, and  
blood, and the spirit.: and so  
become “of dust” living souls  
Moses 6:59



“All who have  
inhabited the  
earth since  
Adam have take  
bodies and  
become souls in  
like manner”  
James R. Clark



We were born of the dust of the  
earth in the same manner that our  
first earthly father was born of dust.  
Our bodies, like his, were formed  
from the elements of this earth and  
at death will return to those  
elements from which they were  
taken, until the glorious day of  
resurrection



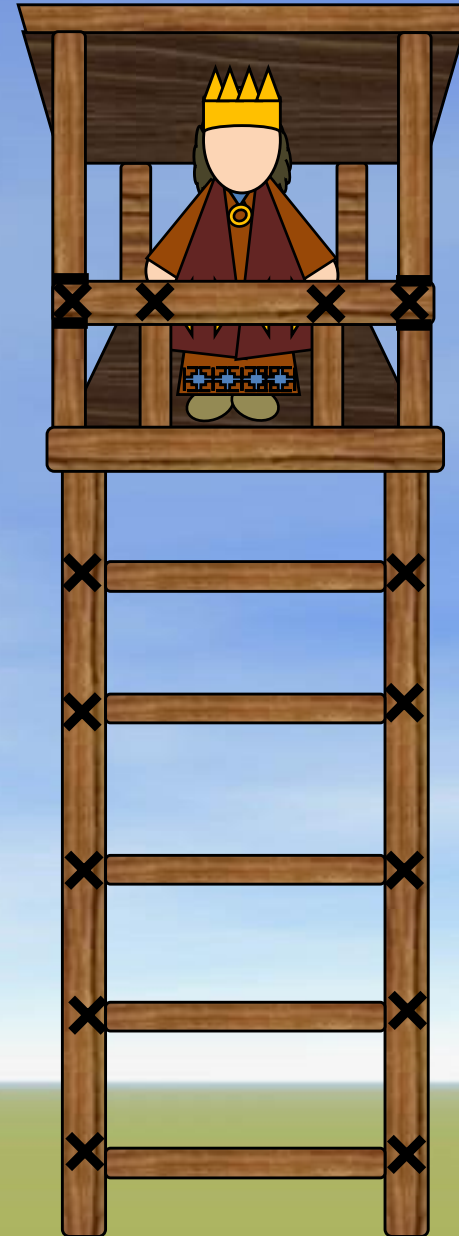
# Responsibility of Teaching

Should the King Benjamin, the messenger, fail to deliver the message, he then assumes a responsibility for the sins of those who went unwarned because he shrugged his duty.

What message do we have to give?

Who are we responsible for?

“Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor. Therefore, they are left without excuse, and their sins are upon their own heads.”  
D&C 88:81-82



# Responsibility of the People:

To accept Mosiah as their king and ruler

Keep the commandments

Keep from falling into the enemies hands

Keep the commandments that Mosiah will teach

Keep peace among yourselves



“We have an opportunity to sustain—support, help, pray for—each of these people in their callings. We indicate our willingness to do so by raising our right hands when their names are read to us in general conference, stake conference, ward or branch conference, or sacrament meeting. Raising our hands is a sign to us, to them, and to the Lord that we will sustain them.”

Thomas S. Monson



“We should ... endeavor to discern when we ‘withdraw [ourselves] from the Spirit of the Lord, that it may have no place in [us] to guide [us] in wisdom’s paths that [we] may be blessed, prospered, and preserved’ ...



“... If something we think, see, hear, or do distances us from the Holy Ghost, then we should stop thinking, seeing, hearing, or doing that thing.

If that which is intended to entertain, for example, alienates us from the Holy Spirit, then certainly that type of entertainment is not for us.

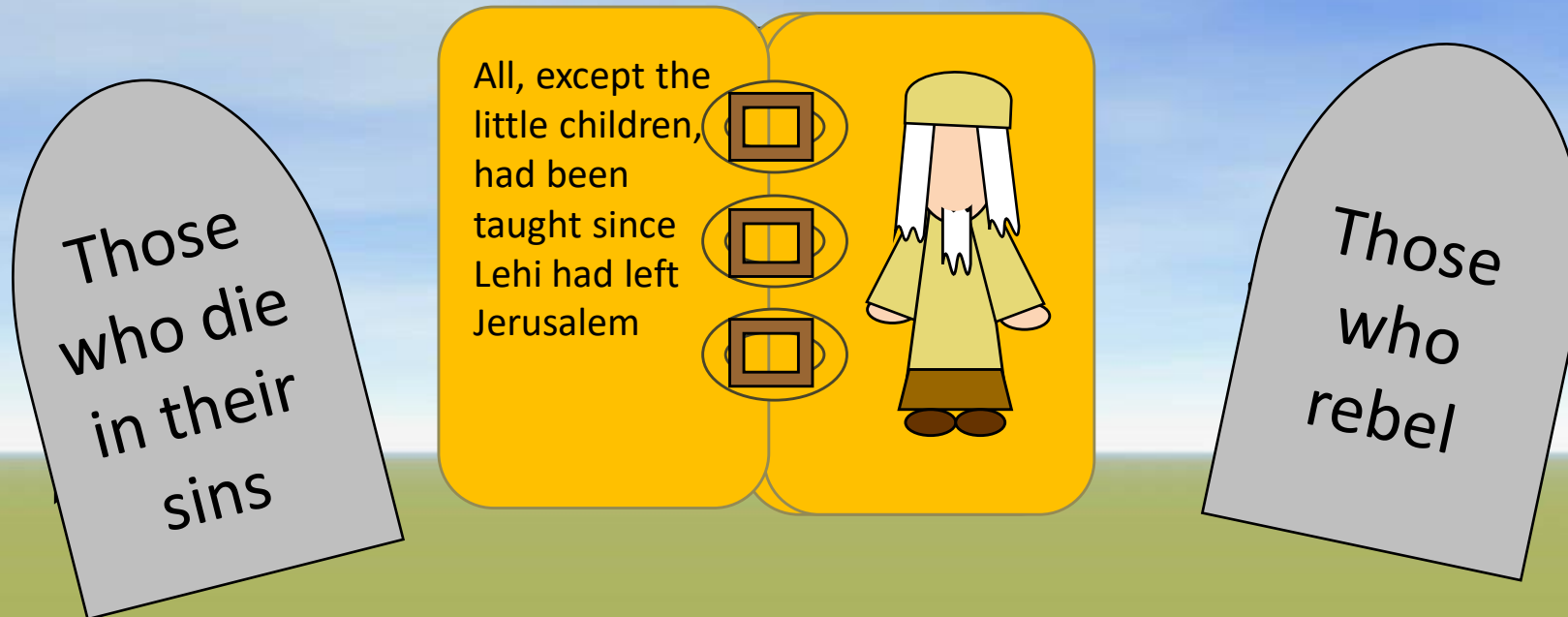
Because the Spirit cannot abide that which is vulgar, crude, or immodest, then clearly such things are not for us.

Because we estrange the Spirit of the Lord when we engage in activities we know we should shun, then such things definitely are not for us.”

David A. Bednar

# A State of Never-ending Happiness

If we keep the commandments, we will receive temporal and spiritual blessings in this life and eventually live with Heavenly Father in a state of never-ending happiness.



# Doctrinal Mastery



Mosiah 2:41



And moreover, I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God. For behold, they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual; and if they hold out faithful to the end they are received into heaven, that thereby they may dwell with God in a state of never-ending happiness. O remember, remember that these things are true; for the Lord God hath spoken it.

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