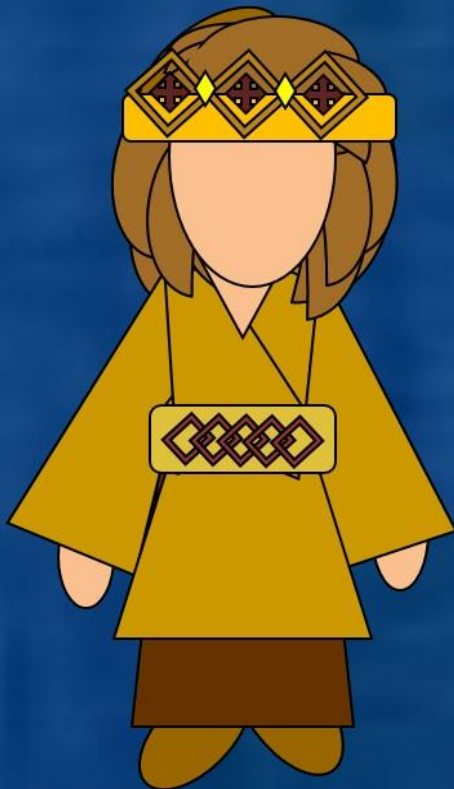


# Waters of Mormon

## Mosiah 18

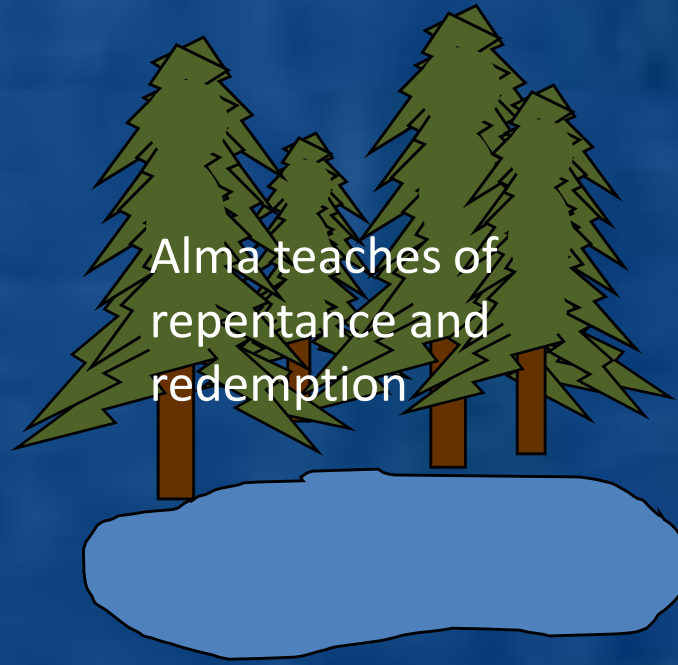
Lesson 61

Suggested Hymn: #2  
The Spirit of God

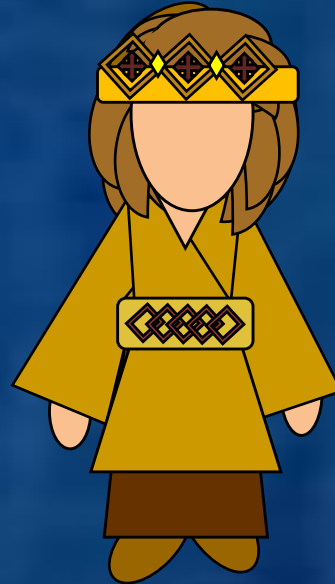


# As Many As Would Hear

Alma repents of his sins



Alma teaches of  
repentance and  
redemption



As many would hear Alma  
teaches in secret hiding  
himself in the daytime from  
the searches of the king

As many did believe they went  
to a place called “Mormon”

Alma teaches the words of  
Abinadi of the power of Christ,  
his suffering, resurrection, and  
ascension to heaven

# Those That Are Willing To:

To bear one another's burdens

Mourn with those that mourn

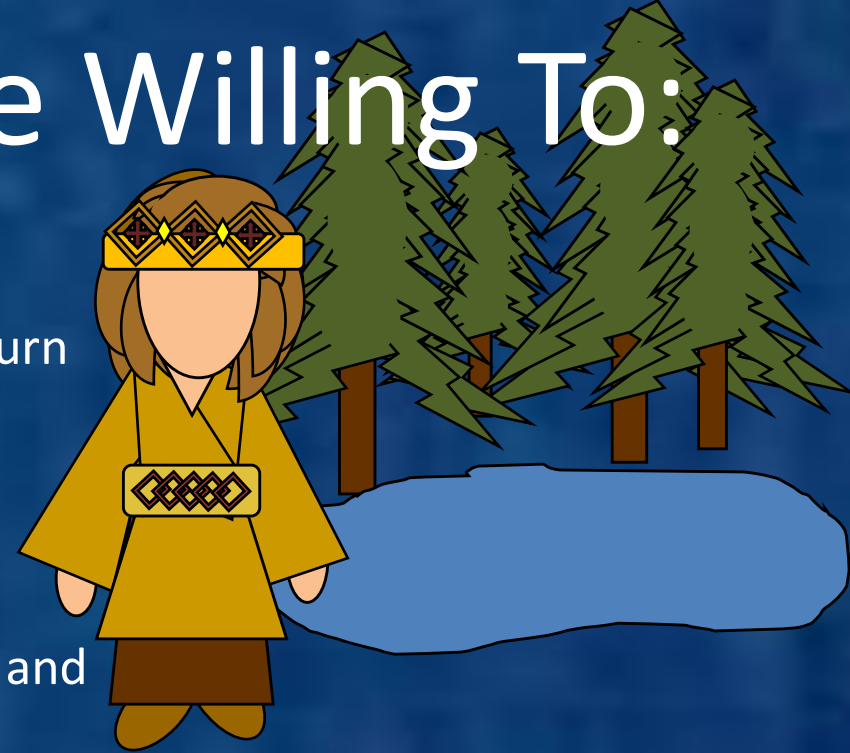
Comfort those that stand in  
need of comfort

Stand as witnesses of God at all times and  
in all things, and in all places

Be redeemed of God and be numbered with those of  
the first resurrection and have eternal life

Be baptized and enter into a covenant with the Lord

Willing to serve Him and keep His commandments



# Baptism is a Two-Way Promise

Baptism is the “first  
fruits of repentance”  
Moroni 8:25

A covenant is an agreement between God and man but that God and man “do not act as equals in the agreement. God gives the conditions for the covenant, and men agree to do what he asks them to do. God then promises men certain blessings for their obedience”

[Guide to the Scriptures, “Covenant”]

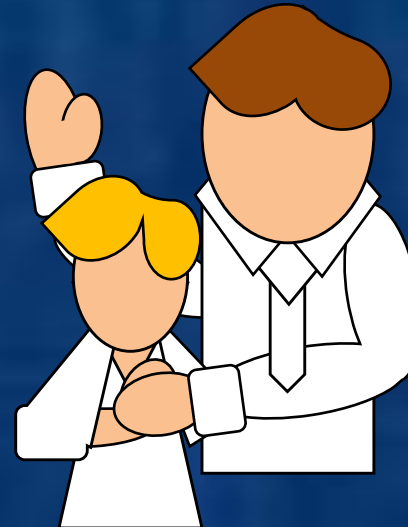
God promises:

That I will be redeemed of God

That I will be part of the first resurrection

That I will receive eternal life

He will pour out His Spirit upon me

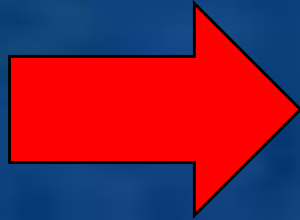


I AM WILLING TO ...	GOD PROMISES ...
Help bear others' burdens, that they may be light (see Mosiah 18:8).	That I will be redeemed of God (see Mosiah 18:9).
Mourn with those who mourn (see Mosiah 18:9).	That I will be part of the First Resurrection (see Mosiah 18:9).
Comfort those who stand in need of comfort (see Mosiah 18:9).	That I will receive eternal life (see Mosiah 18:9).
Stand as a witness of God at all times, in all things, and in all places (see Mosiah 18:9).	He will pour out His Spirit upon me (see Mosiah 18:10).
Serve God and keep His commandments (see Mosiah 18:10).	...that he may pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon you?



# Doctrinal Mastery

Mosiah 18:8-10



8. And it came to pass that he said unto them: Behold, here are the waters of Mormon (for thus were they called) and now, as ye are desirous to come into the fold of God, and to be called his people, and are willing to bear one another's burdens, that they may be light;

9. Yea, and are willing to mourn with those that mourn; yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort, and to stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that ye may be in, even until death, that ye may be redeemed of God, and be numbered with those of the first resurrection, that ye may have eternal life—

10. Now I say unto you, if this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being baptized in the name of the Lord, as a witness before him that ye have entered into a covenant with him, that ye will serve him and keep his commandments, that he may pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon you?

# Baptizing Helam

Alma was filled with  
the Holy Spirit

“O Lord, pour out thy Spirit upon thy servant, that he may do this work with holiness of heart.”

They were both buried in the water  
Alma held the priesthood—one who was ordained after the holy order of God. Thus he would have been baptized previously...

“...therefore, when Alma baptized himself with Helam that was not a case of Alma baptizing himself, but merely as a token to the Lord of his humility and full repentance.”

Joseph Fielding Smith



Alma and Helam were  
filled with the Holy Spirit

# Baptizing Every One

**Alma baptizes about 204 souls**



And they were filled with the grace of God—filled with his blessings and his love, more specifically his Spirit.



# Establishing The Church of God

They were called the Church of God or the Church of Christ from that time forward

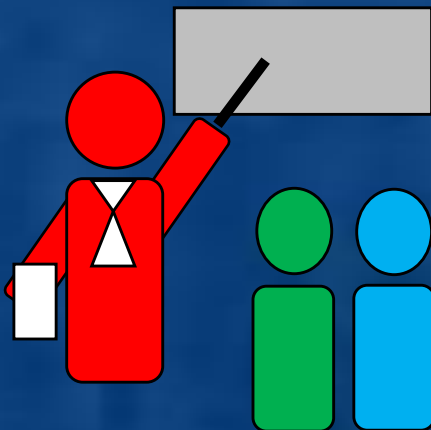
Those who were baptized from that time forward was added to His church

Alma ordained priests—50 and taught them things concerning the kingdom of God



# Teaching VS Preaching

Alma commands the priests to **teach** the things spoken of by the holy prophets and to **preach** repentance and faith in God



“The words preaching and teaching are sometimes used interchangeably. Like peanut butter and jelly, chips and salsa... you can have one without the other, but they often go together.

...good preaching always involves some teaching. On the other hand, good teaching does not always involve preaching.”

Pastor Mark Driscoll

**Preaching—to the audience of believers and non believers**

**Teaching—to the students or audience with the same focus**

# Unity of Faith

No contention among them



Looking forward with one eye—to be single minded, focused, and riveted on the cause of Christ.

“It is to be more concerned about building up the kingdom of God and establishing his righteousness in the earth than with personal achievement or self-aggrandizement.” See 3 Nephi 13:22 and D&C 88:67-68

JFM and RLM

Having one faith and one baptism, having their hearts knit together in unity and in love one towards another  
See D&C 82:19





# Alma Commanded

The People:

To observe the Sabbath Day and Keep it Holy

To give thanks to the Lord



The priests:

They are to labor with their own hands for support

One day a week to set apart to gather together to teach the people and worship God

They were not to depend on the people for their support

That they were to teach with the power and authority from God

# According To Their Wants

To the People:

Of their substance—people should have what they need—the Law of Consecration—Law of Zion (D&C 105:3-5)

Impart of their own free will



“A religion that cannot save a people temporally has not the power to save them spiritually.

The society of Zion is made up of a people who have put their trust in the Spirit which leads to do good, to do justly, to walk humbly to judge righteously  
D&C 11:12

The people of such a holy commonwealth seek the interest of their neighbors.”  
JFM and RLM





# A Long Time in the Forrest and 450 Souls

The People:

How beautiful are they to the eyes--There is peaceful excitement and joy associated with true conversion.

What Alma taught was new to them only because under King Noah the people were in a state of apostasy



Noah:

A rebellious soul is never content to wallow in their own wickedness...they frequently try to thwart with zeal the righteous from succeeding.

<<< **WARNING** >>>

The Lord can warn us when we are in danger

“Working as a special agent for the FBI, my friend investigated organized crime groups transporting illegal drugs into the United States.

“On one occasion, he and another agent approached an apartment where they believed a known drug dealer was distributing cocaine. My friend describes what happened:

““We knocked on the door of the drug dealer. The suspect opened the door, and upon seeing us, tried to block our view. But it was too late; we could see the cocaine on his table.

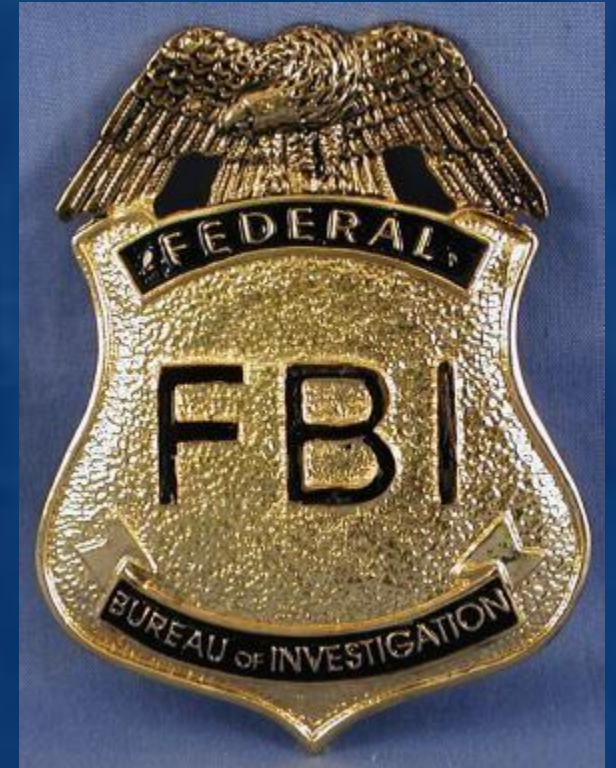
““A man and a woman who were at the table immediately began removing the cocaine. We had to prevent them from destroying the evidence, so I quickly pushed the drug suspect who was blocking the door to the side. As I pushed him, my eyes met his. Strangely, he did not appear angry or afraid. He was smiling at me.

““His eyes and disarming smile gave me the impression that he was harmless, so I quickly left him and started to move toward the table. The suspect was now behind me. At that instant, I had the distinct, powerful impression come into my mind: “Beware of the evil behind the smiling eyes.”

““I immediately turned back toward the suspect. His hand was in his large front pocket. Instinctively I grabbed his hand and pulled it from his pocket. Only then did I see, clutched in his hand, the semiautomatic pistol ready to fire. A flurry of activity followed, and I disarmed the man.’ ...

“... The Holy Ghost warned my friend of physical danger; the Holy Ghost will also warn you of spiritual danger”

Elder Neil L. Andersen



*The Lord can warn the righteous  
when they are in danger.*

The people took their  
tents and departed into  
the wilderness



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Beware of the Evil Behind Smiling Eyes



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# Differences Between the People of Limhi and the People of Alma adapted from: Book of Mormon Student Manual, Religion 121-122 pg 159-60

Time Period	People of Limhi	People of Alma
1. Abinadi's 2nds Visit	Noah's people rejected and killed Abinadi (Mosiah 17) Continue in Wickedness	Alma believed Abinadi, forced to flee (Mosiah 17:2-4)
2. Aftermath of Abinadi's 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	Noah/Limhi's people continued in wickedness (19:2-20) They were divided, they were contentious, they were attacked by the Lamanites King Noah killed and the people were brought into Lamanite bondage and they must pay 50% tribute	A small group believed Alma (18:3-21) They travel to hear Alma preach They were taught to repent and have faith They covenanted with God They escaped the efforts of King Noah that wanted to destroy them
3. 2 years from Abinadi's death (19:29)	They endured bondage The Lamanites attacked (20:7) They fought back and they accepted bondage	Alma's people prospered (23:2-5) The Lord strengthened them They built a city
4. A period of time following the first two years (19:29)	Conditions of bondage intensified (21:3-6) Smitten on cheeks and heavy burden and murmuring Three wars end in defeat, and many killed, much sorrow (21:7-12)	Alma's people continued in peace and prosperity (23:19-20) They lived righteously and they prospered exceedingly
5. Continued after the first two years	Limhi's people repented (21:7-14, 25-26) Compelled to be humble Accepted bondage and abuse Cried mightily to the Lord Sent for help to Zarahemla	Alma's people continued in peace and prosperity
6. Continued after the first two years	Eventually delivered (21:16-31) Lord was slow to hear Prospered by degrees Covenanted with God Delivered. (22:11)	Alma's people continued in peace and prosperity
7. 121-120 BC Mosiah 22:24-25 footnotes	Arrived in Zarahemla (22:13-16) Lamanite army pursued Limhi's people	Alma's people experienced bondage and delivery from the Lord (Mosiah 23-24) The Lamanite army sent after Limhi's people discovered Alma's people in the land of Helam (24:8-10)