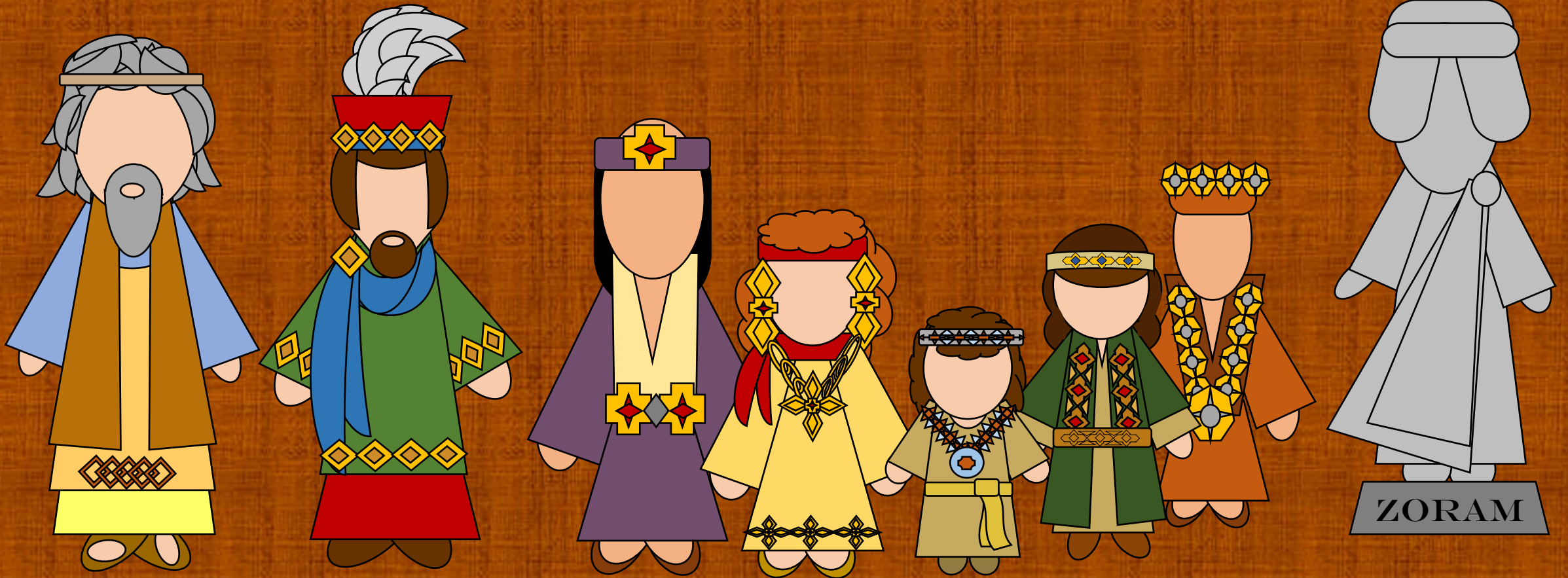


Alma 30-31



Korihor, the Anti-Christ

Alma 30



Peace for 2 Years

16th and 17th year of the reign of the judges

After the battles and burying the dead there was peace for 2 years



“Learn of me, and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my Spirit, and you shall have peace in me.” D&C 19:23

“Whenever a people live the gospel, whenever they live in harmony with the statutes and ordinances God has given them, whenever they follow the light of their consciences and subscribe to the rules and standards established for those of the household of faith, they come to know the peace of the Spirit.”

JFM and RLM



The Lure



A *maka-feke* is an octopus lure. Octopus lures are designed to look so similar to a real meal that a deceived octopus will refuse to give it up once grasped. When this happens, the fisherman can easily toss the octopus onto his boat.



Today we are surrounded by the maka-fekes which the evil one dangles before us and with which he attempts to entice us and then to ensnare us. Once grasped, such maka-fekes are ever so difficult—and sometimes nearly impossible—to relinquish.

To be safe, we must recognize them for what they are and then be unwavering in our determination to avoid them.

Thomas S. Monson



Enticing on the Outside But Empty on the Inside



False teachings are like this box...one can image what might be inside

But once opened it may be empty... the teachings of an anti-Christ

An Anti-Christ

Those who lived before the meridian of time:
One who defies and denies the prophecies
concerning the coming of Christ.



James H. Fullmer

Those who live now:
One who denies the divine birth of Jesus,
his teachings, sufferings, death, and
resurrection...
Many believe that He was just a good man.

Korihor

He was a dissenter during the ministry of Alma the Younger

He is mentioned around 74 BC

He preached against the prophecies of the coming of the Messiah

He accused the priests of holding people in bondage for their own monetary gain

He was brought before Alma who was chief judge and governor over the land

He requested from Alma to give him a 'sign' of Christ

He led many people to sin

He was struck dumb by the Lord, and then convinced of the truth and asked Alma to restore his voice..which Alma denied

He later wrote a renouncement of his anti-Christian teachings

He was cast out and had to beg for food and was trampled to death by the Zoramites—the descendants of Zoram, Laban's servant



No Law Against a Man's Beliefs

“...the Lord and his servants had forbidden discrimination according to belief.

The Lord desires that all his children in all ages accept the gospel and affiliate themselves with his true Church.

He will not bring this to pass, however, through pressure or unrighteous dominion of any kind.” JFM and RLM



For murder---punished by death

For robbery or adultery—punished

There was a law that men should be judged according to their crimes and punished for what he had done.



The Book of Mormon is for Us

“The Book of Mormon brings men to Christ through two basic means,



First, it tells in a plain manner of Christ and His gospel. It testifies of His divinity and of the necessity for a Redeemer and the need of our putting trust in Him. It bears witness of the fall and the Atonement and the first principles of the gospel...It proclaims we must endure to the end in righteousness and live the moral life of a Saint.

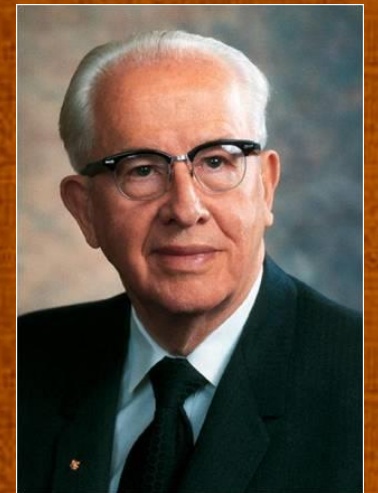


Second, the Book of Mormon exposes the enemies of Christ.

It confounds false doctrines and lays down contention.

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President Ezra Taft Benson



False Teachings of Korihor

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False Teachings of Today

There is no God

The Mormons are prejudice against anyone different from them

The Mormons belong to a cult

The Mormons practice polygamy

Joseph Smith was a fraud

There are no new revelations

Anyone should be able to live the way they want

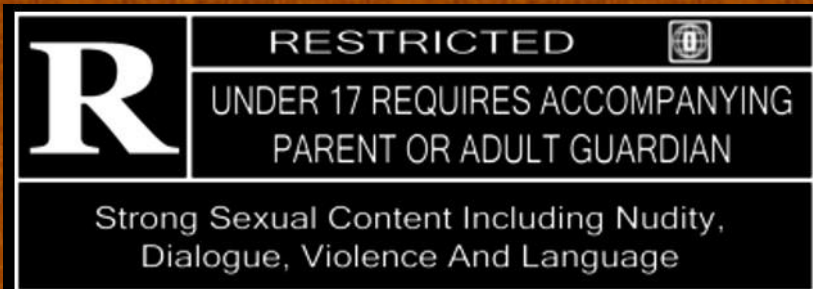
Anyone should do the what he/she wants to do



Satan uses false doctrines to entice us to commit sin

Criticizing Your Beliefs

“It was a very well-done movie and not that violent. It is up for an Academy award.”

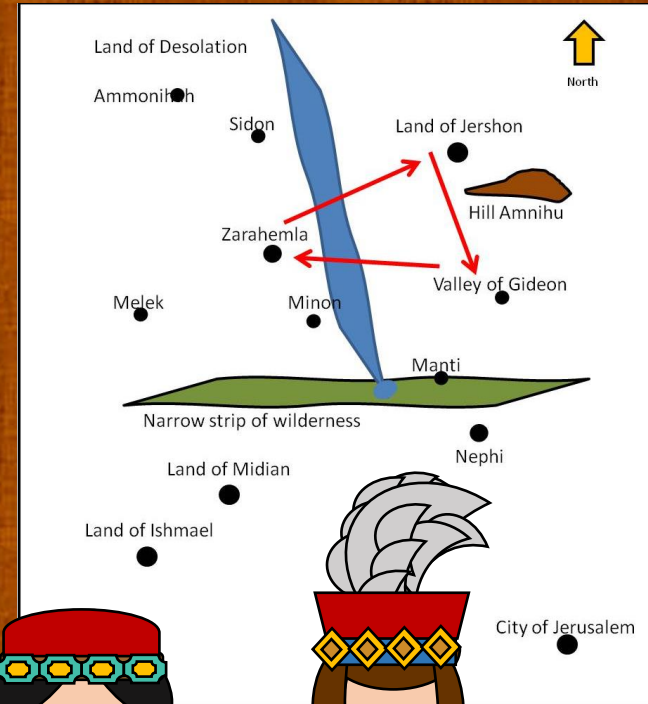


Korihor's Preaching Tour



Korihor preaches in the Land of Jershon---
They took him and bound him and carried
him to Ammon, the high priest

Result—Ammon caused that Korihor be
carried out of the land



Korihor preaches in the Land of Gideon---he had
much success---however he was bound and carried
before the chief judge over the land, Giddonah

Result—Giddonah, the high priest and the chief
judge (no name) bound him and had officers take
him to the land of Zarahemla before the chief judge
and governor over all the land



Blasphemy

What is Blasphemy?

It consists in either or both of the following:

1. Speaking irreverently, evilly, abusively, or scurrilously against God or sacred things
2. Speaking profanely or falsely about Deity.



Forms of Blasphemy:

“Taking the name of the Lord in vain

Evil speaking of the Lord’s anointed

Belittling sacred temple ordinances or patriarchal blessings, or sacramental administrations

Claiming unwarranted divine authority

Promulgating with profane piety a false system of salvation.”

Bruce R. McConkie



See The Story of Alma and Korihor
Readers Theater
Alma 30:30-60



The Form of an Angel

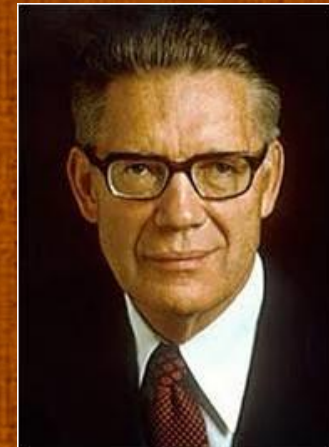


“Satan is one who ‘transformeth himself nigh unto an angel of light.’
(2 Nephi 9:9)

“Lucifer does not come personally to every false prophet, as he did to Korihor, any more than the Lord comes personally to every true prophet, as he did to Joseph Smith.

Such an appearance—either of God on the one hand or of Satan on the other—is, however, the end result of full devotion to the respective causes involved. In each instance an earthly representative, by obedience to the laws that are ordained, may see the face of the master he serves.”

Bruce R. McConkie



Beware of False Prophets



“When we think of false prophets and false teachers, we tend to think of those who espouse an obviously false doctrine or presume to have authority to teach the true gospel of Christ according to their own interpretation.

We often assume that such individuals are associated with small radical groups on the fringes of society.

However, I reiterate: there are false prophets and false teachers who have or at least claim to have membership in the Church.

There are those who, without authority, claim Church endorsement to their products and practices. Beware of such.”

M. Russell Ballard

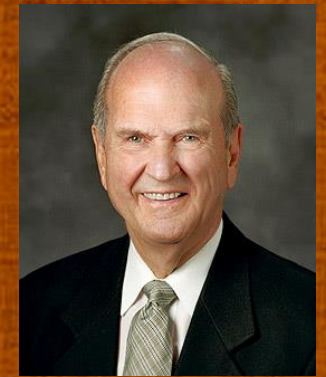


The voices and pressures of the world are engaging and numerous.

But too many voices are deceptive, seductive, and can pull us off the covenant path.

To avoid the inevitable heartbreak that follows, I plead with you today to counter the lure of the world by making time for the Lord in your life—each and every day.

Russell M. Nelson



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An actual picture of syrup on
pancakes-can you see a face of satan?

Alma 30:1-6: Exposing Enemies:
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“The Book of Mormon exposes the enemies of Christ. ... It fortifies the humble followers of Christ against the evil designs, strategies, and doctrines of the devil in our day. The type of apostates in the Book of Mormon are similar to the type we have today. God, with his infinite foreknowledge, so molded the Book of Mormon that we might see the error and know how to combat false educational, political, religious, and philosophical concepts of our time” (“The Book of Mormon Is the Word of God,” *Ensign*, Jan. 1988, 3).

Bondage Alma 30:24:
“Korihor was arguing, as men and women have falsely argued from the beginning of time, that to take counsel from the servants of God is to surrender God-given rights of independence. But the argument is false because it misrepresents reality. When we reject the counsel which comes from God, we do not choose to be independent of outside influence. We choose another influence. We reject the protection of a perfectly loving, all-powerful, all-knowing Father in Heaven, whose whole purpose, as that of His Beloved Son, is to give us eternal life, to give us all that He has, and to bring us home again in families to the arms of His love. In rejecting His counsel, we choose the influence of another power, whose purpose is to make us miserable and whose motive is hatred. We have moral agency as a gift of God. Rather than the right to choose to be free of influence, it is the inalienable right to submit ourselves to whichever of those powers we choose” (Henry B. Eyring, “Finding Safety in Counsel,” *Ensign*, May 1997, 25).

Signs: Alma 30:52:
Elder Robert D. Hales of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught about the importance of recognizing the signs we have received concerning the truthfulness of the gospel:
“If we do not yield to the gentle influence of the Holy Ghost, we stand in jeopardy of becoming like Korihor, an anti-Christ in the Book of Mormon. Not only did Korihor disbelieve in God, but he also ridiculed the Savior, the Atonement, and the spirit of prophecy, falsely teaching that there is no God and no Christ.
“Korihor was not content merely to reject God and quietly go his own way. He mocked the believers and demanded that the prophet Alma convince him with a sign of God’s existence and power. Alma’s response is as meaningful today as it was then: ‘Thou hast had signs enough; will ye tempt your God? Will ye say, Show unto me a sign, when ye have the testimony of all these thy brethren, and also all the holy prophets? The scriptures are laid before thee, yea, and all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion, yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form do witness that there is a Supreme Creator.’ [Alma 30:44.]
“Eventually Korihor was given a sign. He was struck dumb. ‘And Korihor put forth his hand and wrote, saying: ... I know that nothing save it were the power of God could bring this upon me; yea, and I always knew that there was a God.’ [Alma 30:52.]
“Brothers and sisters, you may already know, deep in your soul, that God lives. You may not know all about Him yet and do not understand all His ways, but the light of belief is within you, waiting to be awakened and intensified by the Spirit of God and the Light of Christ, which you are born with” (“Seeking to Know God, Our Heavenly Father, and His Son, Jesus Christ.” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2009, 31–32).

Korihor:
[People such as] Korihor ... deny the very existence of Christ and any such thing as sin. Their doctrine is that values, standards, and even truth are all relative. Thus, whatever one feels is right for him or her cannot be judged by others to be wrong or sinful.
On the surface such philosophies seem appealing because they give us license to indulge any appetite or desire without concern for consequences. (D. Todd Christofferson, “The Divine Gift of Repentance,” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2011, 38)

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The Zoramites

Alma 31



What Can You Do?

What would you do if someone in your family or a good friend began to stray from living the gospel?

What might you do to help them have the desire to keep the commandments?

To whom might you turn for help in working with your family member or friend?



Zoramites

They were the descendants of Zoram who were Laban's servant that went with Lehi and his family to the promised land



Alma's Concern



Alma had received word that the Zoramites were “perverting the ways of the Lord”



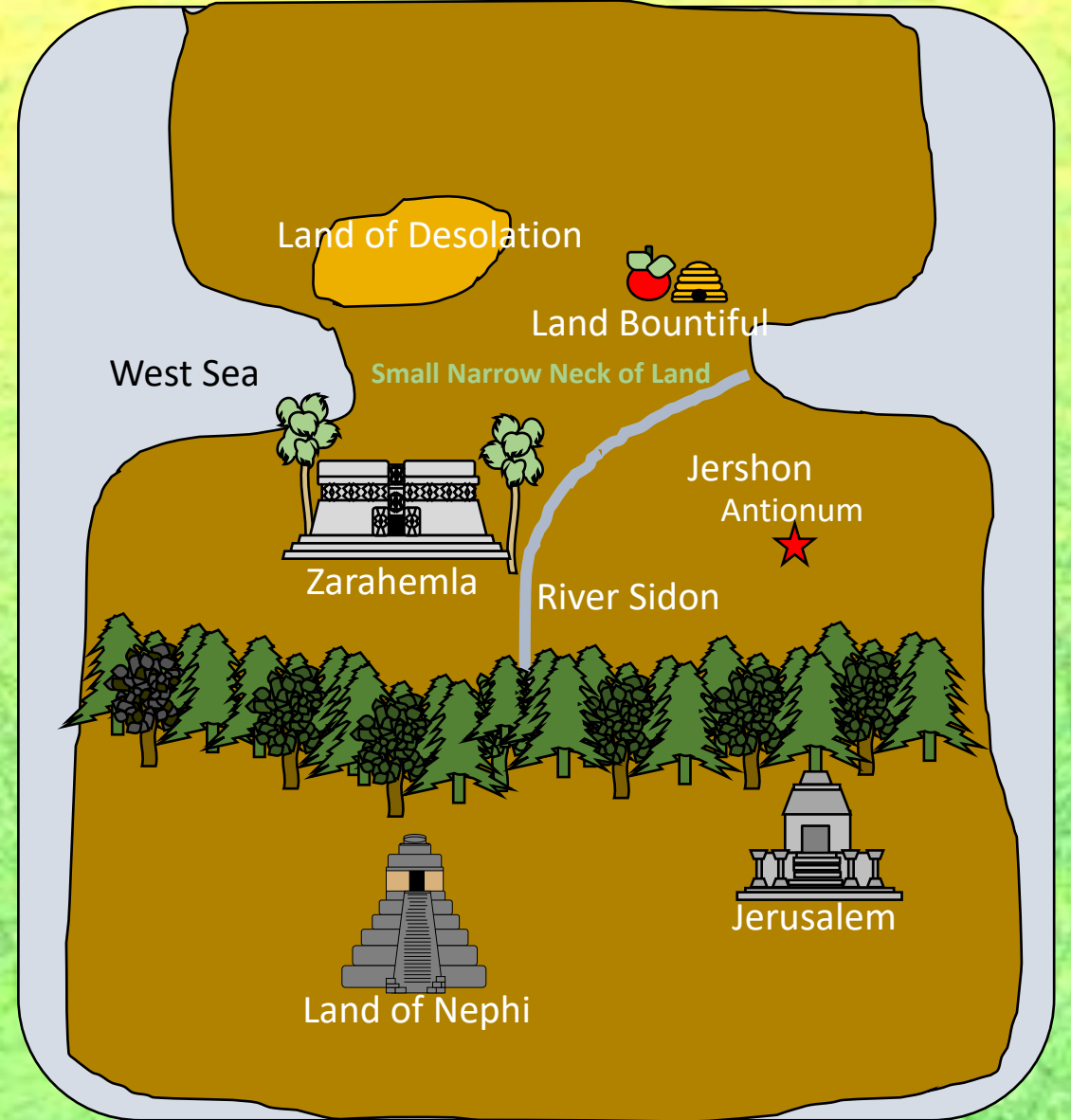
They were idol worshippers and separated themselves from the Nephites

Should we be concerned for those who fall away from the gospel?

Antionum



Machaquila in Guatemala
(City of Antionum)



Alma's Fear

Alma feared that the Zoramites would enter into correspondence with the Lamanites

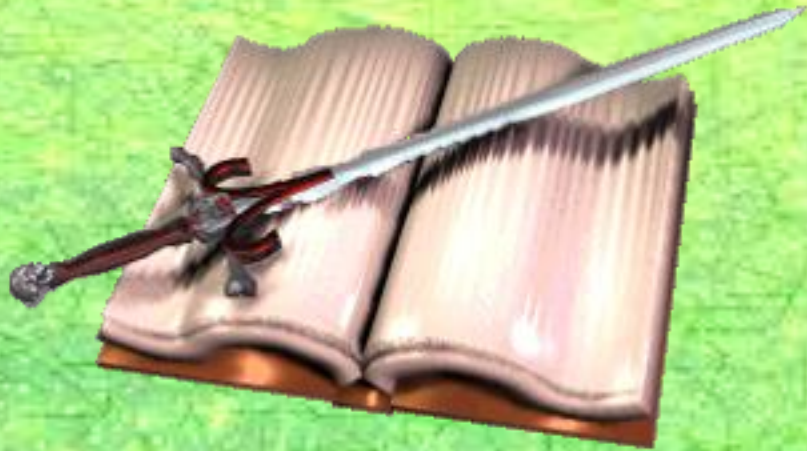


And that it would be a “great loss on the part of the Nephites”



Alma's Ambition

Alma felt that if he were to preach to them, they might be able to lead the people back to what is just.



Alma felt that preaching would have a more powerful effect “upon the minds than the sword”

Preaching the word of God can have a more powerful effect than anything else in helping people do what is right

The Virtue of the Word

“True doctrine, understood,
changes attitudes and behavior.

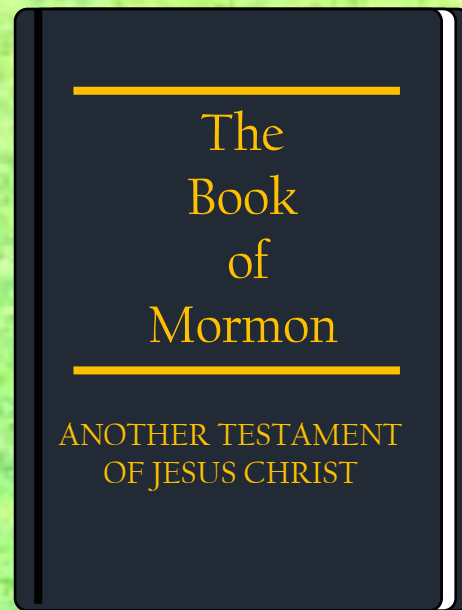
“The study of the doctrines of the
gospel will improve behavior
quicker than a study of behavior will
improve behavior...

... That is why we stress so forcefully
the study of the doctrines of the
gospel.”

Boyd K. Packer

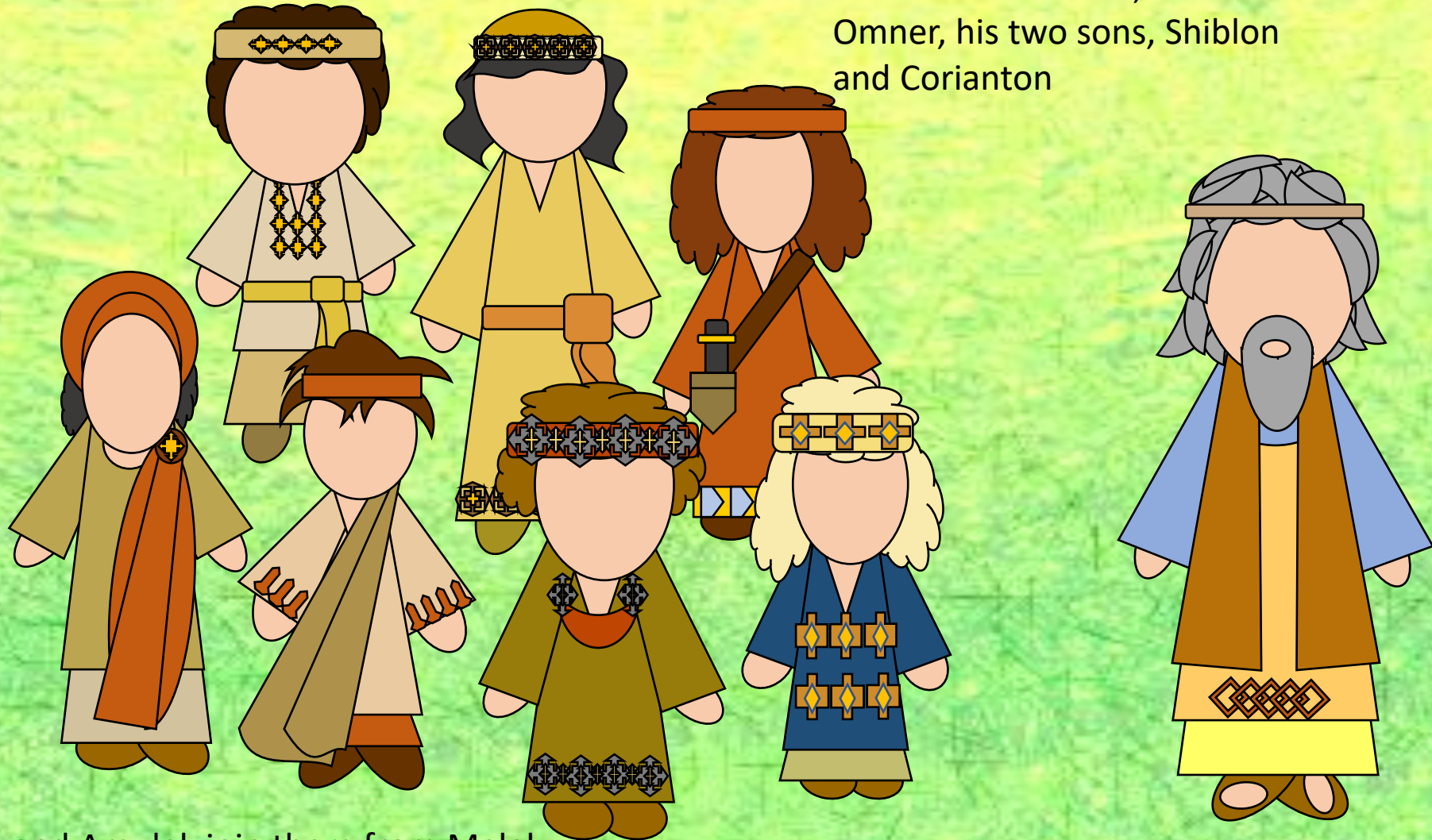


As we study the word of
God, it will lead us to do
what is right



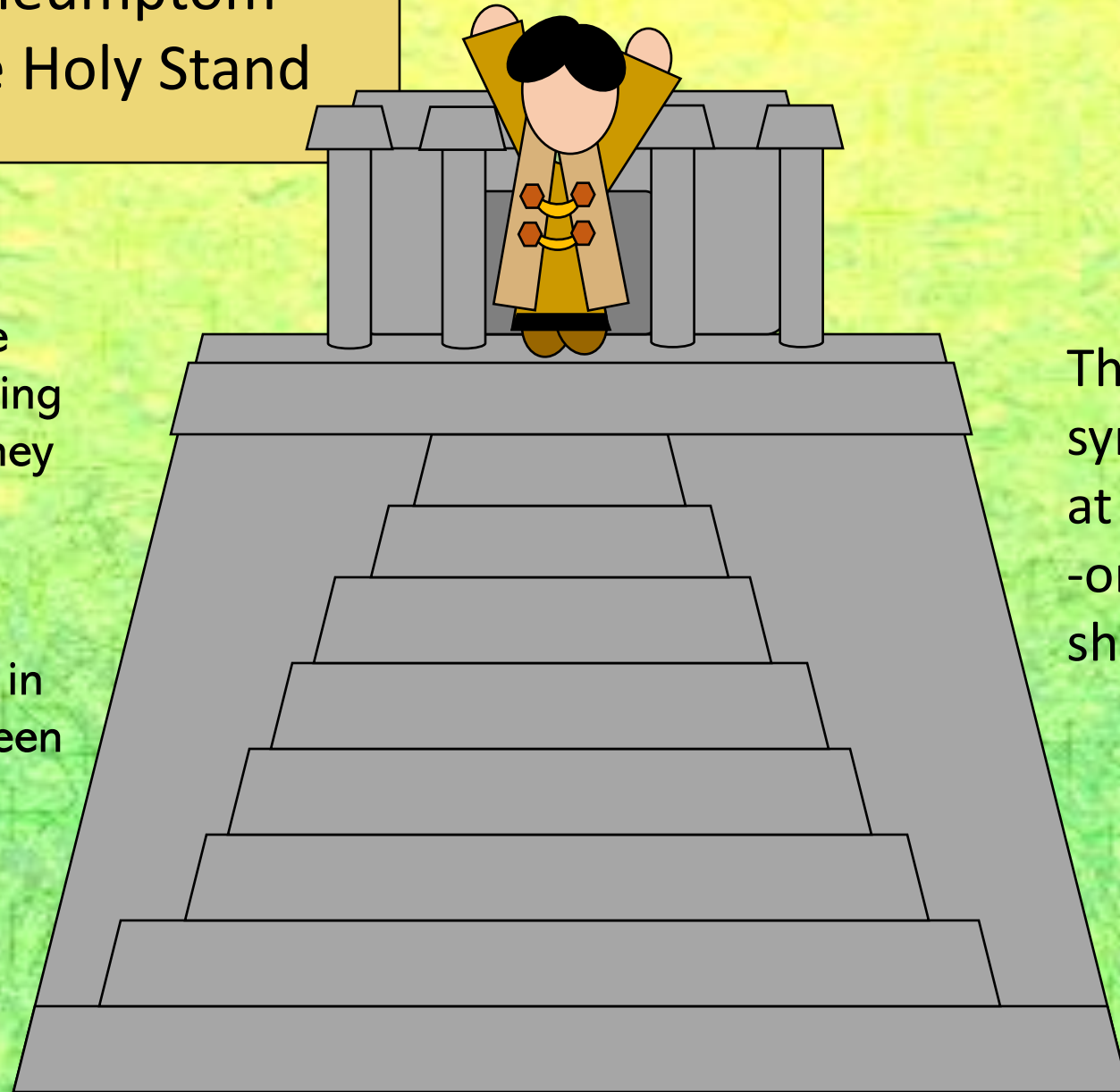
Going with Alma

Alma takes Ammon, Aaron
Omner, his two sons, Shiblon
and Corianton



Zeezrom and Amulek join them from Melek

Rameumptom—
the Holy Stand



When Alma and his brethren discovered the Zoramites were perverting the ways of the Lord, they journeyed to Antionum.

There they found the Zoramites worshipping in a way they had never seen

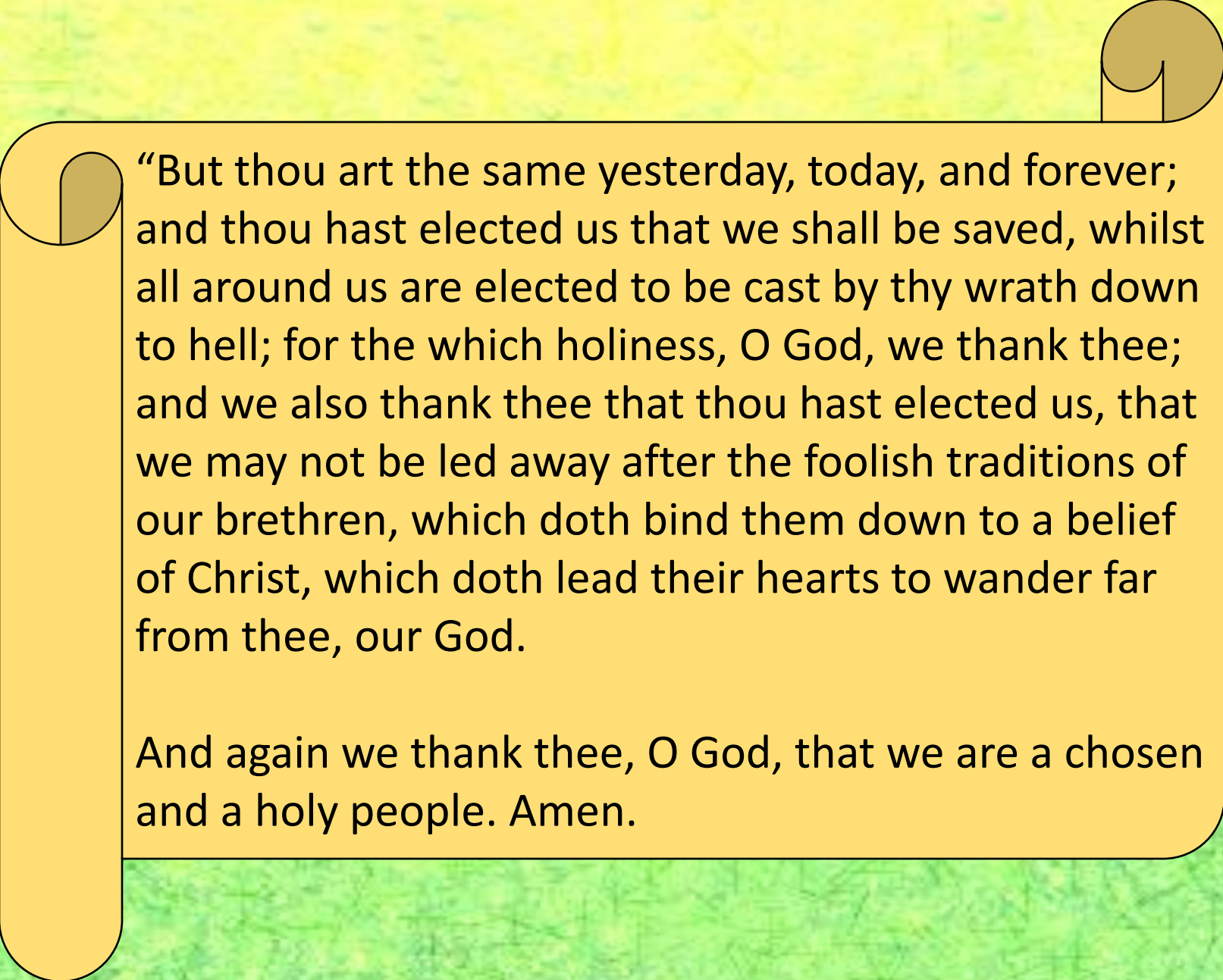
They built a synagogue—one person at a time—
-one day a week---
shouting:

Their Prayer

Their Same Prayer unto God--repetition

“Holy, holy God; we believe that thou art God, and we believe that thou art holy, and that thou wast a spirit, and that thou art a spirit, and that thou wilt be a spirit forever.

Holy God, we believe that thou hast separated us from our brethren; and we do not believe in the tradition of our brethren, which was handed down to them by the childishness of their fathers; but we believe that thou hast elected us to be thy holy children; and also thou hast made it known unto us that there shall be no Christ.”



“But thou art the same yesterday, today, and forever; and thou hast elected us that we shall be saved, whilst all around us are elected to be cast by thy wrath down to hell; for the which holiness, O God, we thank thee; and we also thank thee that thou hast elected us, that we may not be led away after the foolish traditions of our brethren, which doth bind them down to a belief of Christ, which doth lead their hearts to wander far from thee, our God.

And again we thank thee, O God, that we are a chosen and a holy people. Amen.

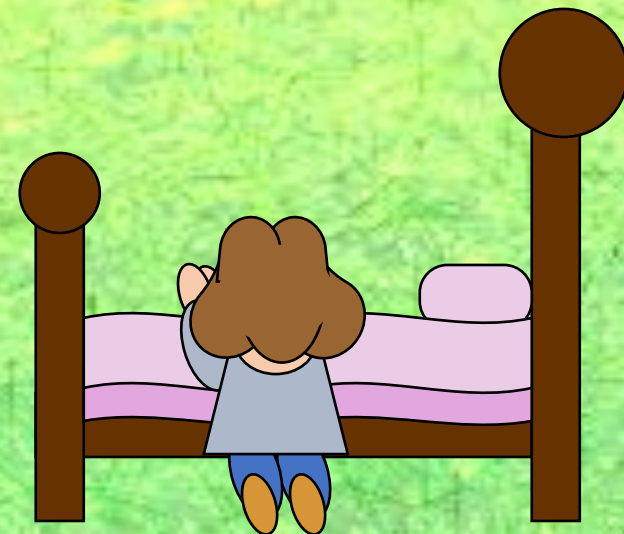


“During the past years I have at times been asked by the Brethren to meet with repentant members of the Church and interview them for the restoration of their temple blessings.

This has always been a spiritually moving experience to restore the blessings of those wonderful people who have repented.

I have asked some of them the question, ‘What happened in your life that caused you to temporarily lose your membership in the Church?’ With tear-filled eyes they answered: ‘I didn’t obey the basic principles of the gospel: prayer, attending church regularly, serving in church and studying the gospel. I then gave in to temptations and lost the guidance of the Holy Spirit’”
Elder Rulon G. Craven

Choosing to not keep the commandments, participate in gospel ordinances, or pray daily will lead us to stray from the gospel.



Worshipping

What changes do you think the Zoramites would need to make in order for their worship to be reverent and pleasing to the Lord?

We worship God by giving Him our love, reverence, and devotion.

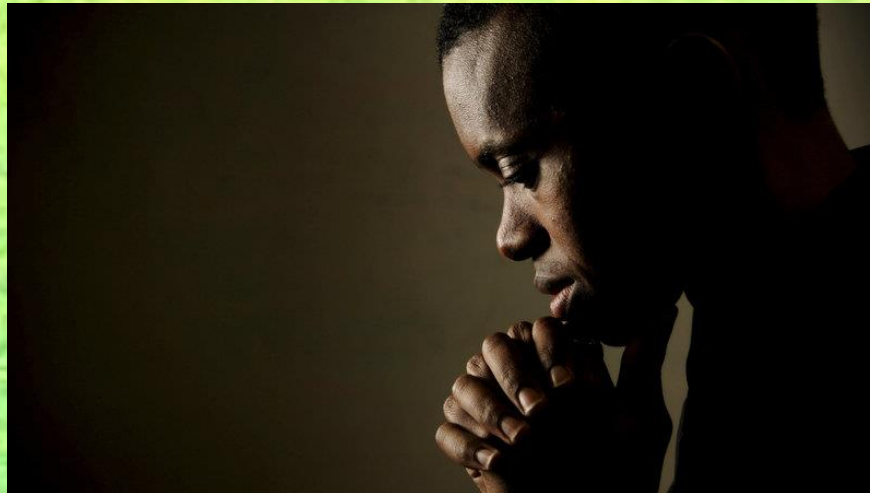
We should be worshipful not only in our attitude and actions when we pray, fast, and attend Church but in our attitude and actions throughout each day.

How sincere are you in your own worship?



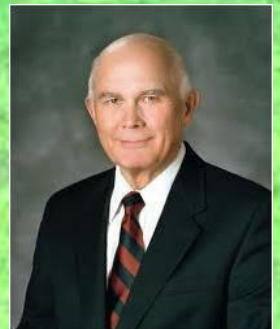


“The attitude of worship evokes the deepest feelings of allegiance, adoration, and awe.



Worship combines love and reverence in a state of devotion that draws our spirits closer to God.”

Elder Dallin H. Oaks



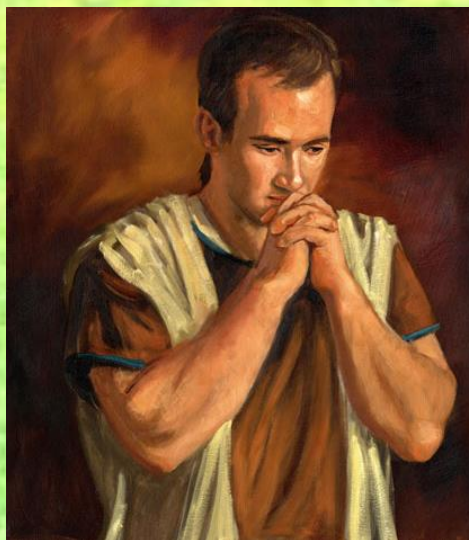
Alma's Plea

“Comfort in Christ”

A plea for strength

“Comfort my soul
in Christ”

The Spirit heals
the soul



James H. Fullmer

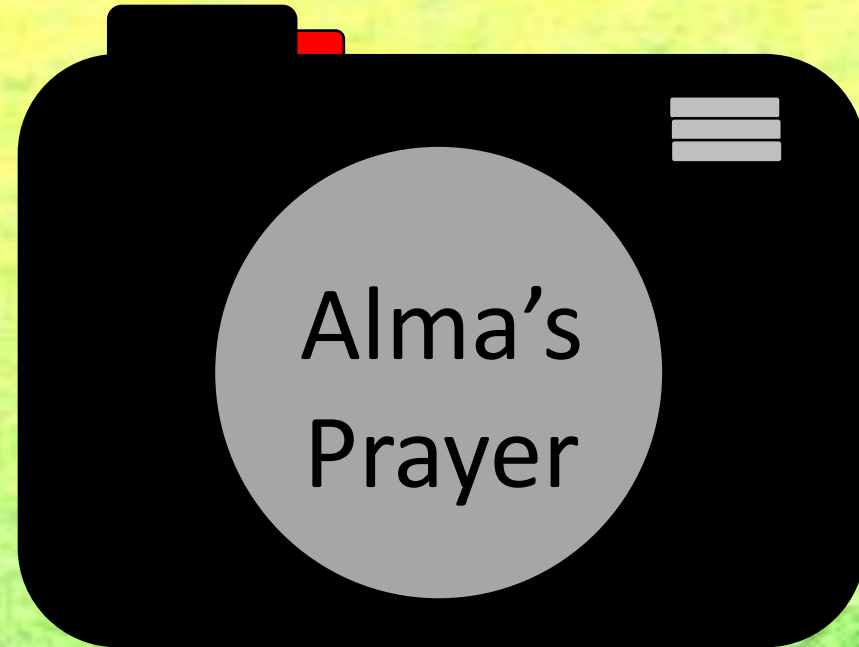
“Success”

A plea for bringing
them unto Christ

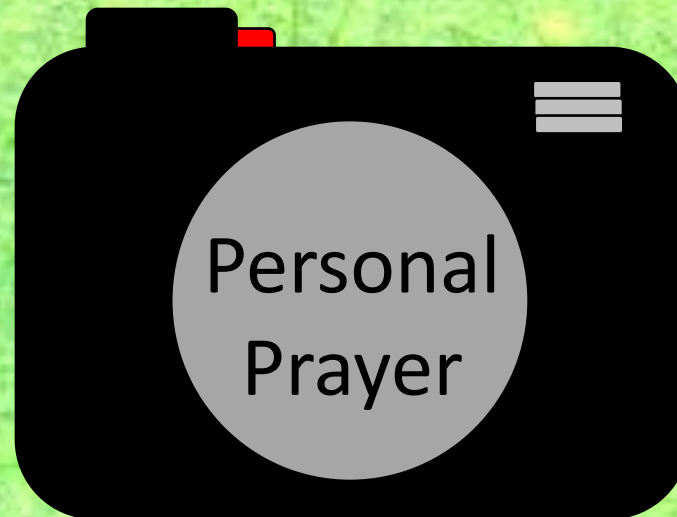
“Their souls are
precious”

‘the worth of souls
is great in the sight
of God’ D&C 18:10

What Was the Focus of:



What is the focus of your own:





“Do your prayers at times sound and feel the same?

Have you ever said a prayer mechanically, the words pouring forth as though cut from a machine?

Do you sometimes bore yourself as you pray?

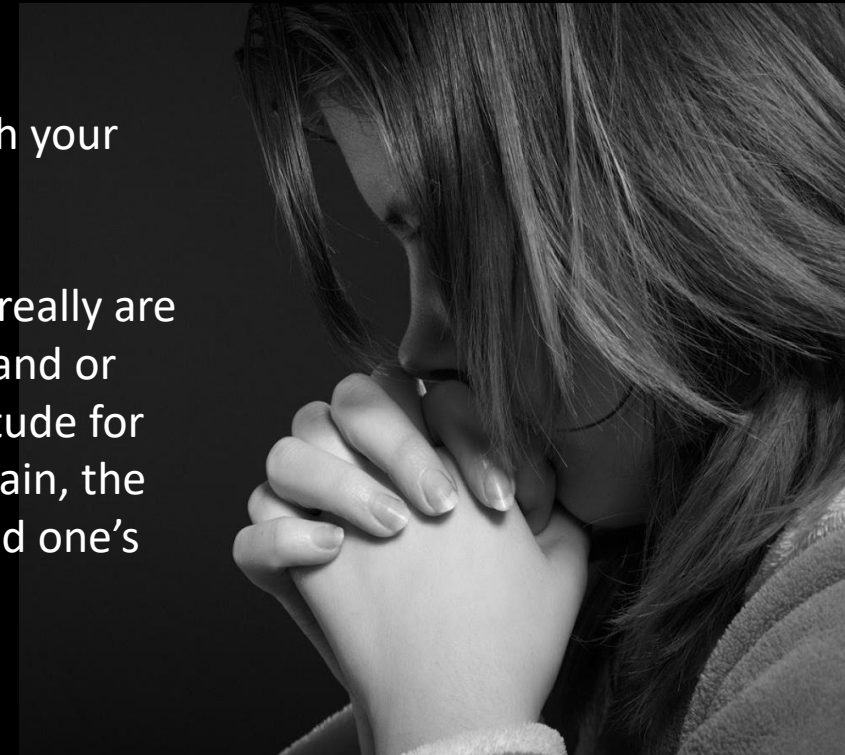
Will prayers that do not demand much of your thought merit much attention from our Heavenly Father?



When you find yourself getting into a routine with your prayers, step back and think.

Meditate for a while on the things for which you really are grateful. Look for them. They don't have to be grand or glorious. Sometimes we should express our gratitude for the small and simple things like the scent of the rain, the taste of your favorite food, or the sound of a loved one's voice.”

Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin

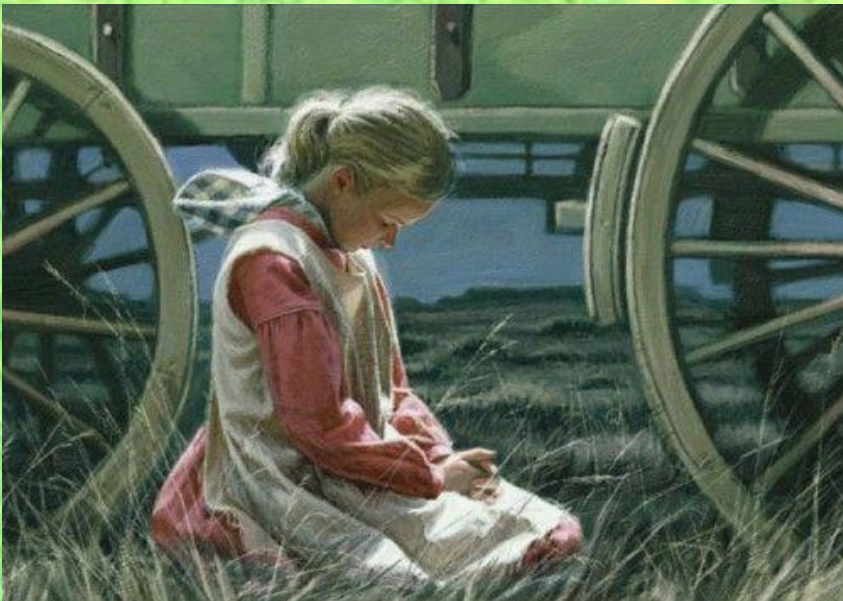




“Petitioning Heavenly Father for the blessings we desire in our personal lives is good and proper. However, praying earnestly for others, both those whom we love and those who spitefully use us, is also an important element of meaningful prayer. ...

Praying for others with all of the energy of our souls increases our capacity to hear and to heed the voice of the Lord”

Elder David A. Bednar



**If we pray and
act in faith,
the Lord will
strengthen us
as we seek to
bring others
to Him**

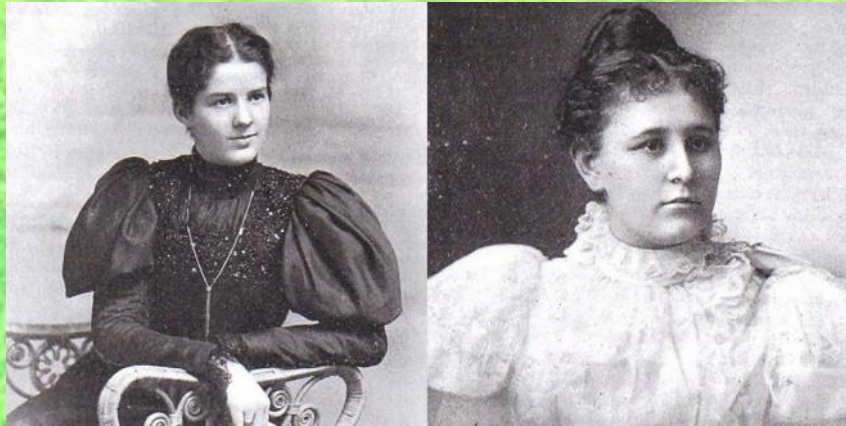


Clapped His Hands

Laying on of hands--Set apart those who were to go with Alma to preach or bestowed upon them a blessing



Taking no thought for themselves---What would they eat?
Where would they sleep?



Lucy Jane "Jennie" Brimhall and Amanda Inez Knight

“Therefore, take ye no thought for the morrow, for what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal ye shall be clothed....For your Father, who is in heaven, knoweth that you have need of all these things.”
D&C 84:81,83

Read D&C 84:81-95—the promises for a missionary



“Early in His ministry, the Savior called His disciples to go forth and preach his word. These were largely fishermen with little money. They must have worried how they would provide for themselves and their families as they left to go and preach. Calming their fears Jesus said, "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses... for the workman is worthy of his meat." - Matthew 10:9-10



C. Michael Dudash



The Savior, nearing the end of his life, could again sense the fear growing in his disciples. He reminded them, "When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing." - Luke 22:35

“We live in times of great uncertainty when the necessities of life seem harder to come by and where the burden of providing for our families seems heavier than in days past. This painting reassures me that although the road may be rough, when we walk with Him we need not worry for in Christ we lack nothing.”

Liz Lemon Swindle



“Without Purse Or Script”

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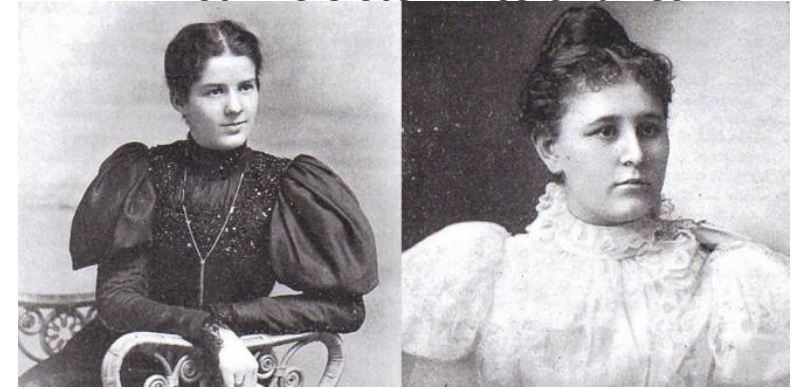
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First LDS Sister Missionaries



On April 21, 1898, Lucy Jane “Jennie” Brimhall and Amanda Inez Knight (pictured above) arrived in Liverpool England to start their missions for the Mormon Church. While this may not seem like something spectacular today, it was at the time. In fact, Inez and Jennie were the first single women formally set-apart as full-time, proselyting missionaries. Childhood friends, the two served as companions in England. Their story, though centuries old, will resonate with modern day sisters and continue to inspire future generations.

Growing Up Friends

Jennie and Inez both grew up in Utah territory and were brought together by the love their families had for education. Jennie was born in Spanish Fork and was the daughter of George Brimhall, who would eventually serve as the President of Brigham Young University from 1904 to 1921. Inez’s father, Jesse Knight, had a great desire for his children to be educated through the Church’s school. He moved them from the Payson area where Inez was born so they could enroll. In the spring of 1898, at the ages of 23 and 22, the friends were planning an excursion to Europe. Little did they know what was to come.

The Call to Serve

President George Q. Cannon, inspired by the many wives of missionaries who accompanied their husbands overseas and taught the gospel, determined the time had come for the women to enter the mission field on their own. Jennie recorded the following thoughts about the night they learned they were being asked to serve as missionaries:

“I had accepted an invitation to accompany Inez on a trip of two or three months to Europe; one day while at home making preparations for our journey, Bishop Keeler called and asked me if I would accept a call to go on a mission. I told him that I would. Later, I received word to be present at Brother Jesse Knight’s home and there be set apart as a missionary to Great Britain. We met according to appointment, and found the bishop of our ward, and the presidency of our stake, Presidents Partridge, John, and Smoot. A letter was read from the first presidency of the Church authorizing the Brethren to set us apart as missionaries. We were then set apart, President David John being mouth in my own case. I was also given a certificate, and am thus numbered among the full-fledged missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.”

Missionary Life in England

The struggles Jennie and Inez faced are similar to the ones modern-day missionaries faced. Inez, who anticipated tracting to be easier than public speaking, was accosted by a woman who had been offended by a Mormon. She followed Inez and Jennie door to door and told everyone not to let them inside.

“I went home and cried,” Inez wrote in her diary. They also endured people hurling stones and trash at them, soiling their clothes and bruising their spirits.

The sisters regularly spoke in meetings, being something of a novelty as women preachers for the Church. Inez noted, “We attended Priesthood meeting at which I was the only girl. I felt more conspicuous by the elders beginning their remarks; ‘My brethren and sister.’”

After just six months, Jennie had to return to the United States because of her health. Inez was given a new companion for six months, Liza Chipman. Inez would go on to serve for a total of two years and a month. For much of the time she served alone.

Jennie, upon her return home, married Inez’s brother William Knight. They would have two children. She then went on establish an LDS settlement with her husband in Canada. After returning to Utah in the 1920s, she was called as the first counselor in the General Relief Society Presidency, serving faithfully for 7 years. She lived a long life, passing away at age 81 in 1957.

Inez was active in the Relief Society and politics after her mission. She served on the Relief Society general board from 1927 until her death in 1937. She also served as the Dean of Women for Brigham Young Academy and as a Utah delegate to the Democratic Nation Convention in Ohio. She even ran as a Democratic candidate for the Utah State Senate. She married Robert Eugene Allen and had five sons.

Both women have buildings named after their families on the Brigham Young University campus.

These two sisters, so ready to serve faithfully in a calling that had never before been filled in such a capacity, helped pave the way for sisters to serve today. Their efforts did not go unnoticed. In a magazine describe Jennie’s power as a missionary many years later, it was written:

“So effective was her testimony that after twenty years an unbeliever who listened to her speak wrote, saying he could never forget her sincere, guileless expression and was led further to investigate and receive the blessings of membership.”