

The Story of Alma and Korihor---Reader's Theater

Korihor brought before Alma

Korihor I accuse the teachers and the priests of leading the people away and living off the labors of the people

Alma You know we don't do that. We labor for ourselves. I have not received one senine for my labors and neither have my brethren. Neither do we receive anything from our church responsibilities.
Have we deceived the people?

Korihor Yes

Alma Do you believe there is a God?

Korihor No

Alma Do you deny that there is a God and also Christ? I believe there is a God, and Christ shall come.
What evidence do you say there is no God or that Christ will come?
I testify these things and I believe you are possessed by a lying spirit and that you have come to take away this people and destroy their testimonies.

Korihor If you will show me a sign that there is a God and that he has power then I will be convinced of a God

Alma You already know there is a God. The scriptures are here before you. You know that God has created all things. And still, you go on to lead the people away from God. I am grieved by the hardness of your heart and that you resist the Holy Spirit. It is better that your soul should be lost than that you should be the means of bringing many souls down to destruction. God will cause that you may not be able to speak anymore

Korihor I do not deny the existence of God, but I do not believe that there is a God and I do not believe that you believe there is a God unless you show me a sign

Alma This I will give you, a sign, that you shall not speak forever

Narrator 2 Korihor is struck dumb

Narrator 1 Alma wrote to him "Are you not convinced of the power of God?"

Narrator 2 Korihor wrote "I know I can not speak and nothing but God can make me speak again...I always knew there was a God...but the devil has deceived me. He appeared as a form of an angel and told me to rebel and say there is no God. I know I have brought this great curse on myself. Please pray that I might receive my voice back.

Alma and Korihor (continued)

- Alma If I take your curse away you will lead the people away. You will be speechless forever if the Lord wills it.
- Narrator 1: The curse stayed with Korihor all his days. He was cast out and went from house to house begging for food.
- Narrator 2 It was immediately published and sent to the public that those who believed in Korihor's words were to repent. The people were convinced that the Lord put an end to Korihor.
- Narrator 1 Korihor found himself among the Zoramites, the people who separated themselves from the Nephites. He was run upon and trodden down, even until he was dead.