

KEY TEACHINGS OF THE PROPHET MORMON

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1. Samuel the Lamanite's prophecy concerning the ultimate fate of the Lamanites and the Nephites: [Hel. 15:16-17]

A. *Lamanites*: I will not utterly destroy them, but cause that they shall return unto me. [16]

B. *Nephites*: If they do not repent, and do my will, I will utterly destroy them. [17]

2. Samuel the Lamanite's prophecy concerning the Lamanites in the last days:

[Hel. 15:11-13]

A. The Lamanites will be driven to and fro, hunted, smitten and scattered abroad, having no place for refuge. [15:12]

B. The Lamanites will be restored to the true knowledge, which is the knowledge of their redeemer, and be numbered among his sheep. [15:11, 13]

3. Mormon wrote to the Gentiles and Lamanites who would receive his record in the last days:

[Morm. 5:8b-24]

A. I speak unto their [the Lamanites'] seed, and also to the Gentiles who have care for the house of Israel, that realize and know from whence their blessings come [the Church]. [10]

B. These things [the Book of Mormon] are to be hid up, but come forth in the Lord's own due time, according to the commandment of the Lord. [12-13]

C. The Book of Mormon shall go unto the unbelieving of the Jews, that they may be persuaded that Jesus is the Christ. [14]

D. The Book of Mormon shall go forth from the Gentiles to the Lamanites, after they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles. [15, 20]

E. A warning to the Gentiles: repent and humble yourselves, lest a remnant of the seed of Jacob shall go forth among you as a lion, and tear you in pieces. [22-24] *Important cross references about a future last-days conflict between the Lamanites and the Gentiles:*

3 Ne. 16:9-16; 20:11-22; 21:11-29

4. Mormon's counsel to the Lamanites of the last days [Morm. 7:1-10]

A. Know you are of the house of Israel. [2]

B. Know you must come unto repentance, and repent of all your sins and iniquities, or you can't be saved. [3, 5]

C. Lay down your weapons of war, and don't take them up again unless God commands you. [4]

D. Know you must come unto the knowledge of your fathers. [5]

E. Believe in Jesus Christ:

1.. That He is the Son of God. [5]

2. That He was slain by the Jews. [5]

3. That He has risen again by the power of the Father. [5]

4. That He has gained victory over the grave, and swallowed up the sting of death. [5]

5. That he brings to pass the resurrection of the dead. [6]

6. That man must be raised [from the grave] to stand before His judgment-seat. [6]

7. That He has brought to pass the redemption of the world. [7]
8. That he who is found guiltless at judgment day is granted the privilege of dwelling in the presence of God in His kingdom, in a state of unending happiness. [7]
9. Those who dwell in the presence of God will participate in the process of singing endless praises with the choirs above unto the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. [7]
10. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost are one God[head]. [7] *Important cross-references on the nature of God: united in purpose, but not a trinity as represented by other faiths:* Gen. 1:26-27; Mt. 3:16-17; Acts 7:55-56; JS-H 1:17; Jn. 17:1-26; 3:12-18; 3:33-36; 4:34; 5:17-27, 30, 36-37, 43; 6:32-40, 57, 65; 7:16-17, 28-29, 33; 8:16-19, 28-29, 38, 42, 54-55; 10:15, 17-18, 25, 29-30, 35-38; 11:27, 41; 12:27-28, 49-50; 13:1, 3, 20, 31-32; 14:1-3, 6-11, 12-13, 16-18, 20-21, 23-24, 26, 28, 31; 15:1, 8-10, 15-16, 23-24, 26-27; 16:5, 7, 10, 13-16, 23-24, 25-28, 30, 32; 20:17, 21, 31; D&C 93:3-5; Mos. 15:1-10.
11. *Summary:* repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus, and lay hold upon the gospel of Christ. [8]
12. The gospel will be set before you in this record [the Book of Mormon] and the record which shall come from the Jews to the Gentiles to you [the Bible]. [8]
13. The Book of Mormon was written so you'll believe the Bible, and if you believe the Bible, you'll believe the Book of Mormon. [9]
14. If you believe the Book of Mormon you'll know concerning your fathers, and the marvelous works which were wrought by the power of God among them. [9]
15. Ye will know ye are a remnant of the seed of Jacob. [10]
16. Therefore ye are numbered among the people of the first covenant [the Abrahamic Covenant] [10] *Important cross references on the Abrahamic Covenant: Abraham 2:6-11; Gen. 12:2-3; 17:1-8; 22:16-18; 26:2-5; 28:3-4; 35:9-12.*
17. *Second Summary:* If ye believe in Christ, are baptized with water and then with fire and the Holy Ghost, and follow the Savior's example and commandments, it shall be well with you at the day of judgment. [10]

5. **Mormon's Teachings about Infant Baptism** [Moro. 8:8-26]

- A. Little children are whole, for they are not capable of committing sin. [8]
- B. The curse of Adam is taken from them in me, that it hath no power over them. [8]
- C. Teach repentance and baptism to those who are accountable and capable of sin. [10]
- D. Parents must repent and be baptized, and humble themselves as their little children. [10]
- E. Little children need no repentance, neither baptism. [10]
- F. Baptism is unto repentance to the fulfilling the commandments unto the remission of sins. [11]
- G. Little children are alive in Christ, from the foundation of the world. [12, 19, 22]
- H. Little children cannot repent; it is wickedness to deny the pure mercies of God unto them, for they are alive unto him because of his mercy. [19]
- I. He that saith that little children need baptism deny the mercies of Christ, and set at naught his atonement and the power of his redemption. Woe unto such, they're in danger of hell. [20-21]
- J. All little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the law. [22]
- K. The power of redemption comes upon all them that have no law. [22]
- L. Repentance is unto them that are under condemnation and under the curse of a broken law.
- M. Repentance leads to baptism, meekness, lowliness of heart, the Holy Ghost, hope, love. [24-26]

Important cross references on infant baptism: see D&C 93:38-39; 137:7-10.

6. How do we explain who Mormon was, and what a Mormon is today, when asked by non-members? *Nephite prophet, general, record keeper, abridger (c. A.D. 333) [Index, p. 230]*
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