

## Lesson 4: Mosiah 3-4 OUTSIDE SCRIPTURE LIST CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 4

### First Reading: Mosiah 3:1-12

1. A. Look up the derivation (origin) of the word *gospel* in a good dictionary or online dictionary. (Good online dictionaries: [oxforddictionaries.com](http://oxforddictionaries.com) and [dictionary.com](http://dictionary.com).) What is the literal meaning of the word? (If you want to show off by telling the Middle English or Greek equivalent of the word, please do! ☺)

B. In the angel's announcement to King Benjamin, what phrase means the same thing as "gospel"?

C. Look up Luke 2:10. What is the phrase in this verse that corresponds to Mosiah 3:3?

2. A. The importance of the Good News that is brought by the angels is only appreciated against a backdrop of the Bad News. What do we call the thing that happened in the Garden of Eden that precipitated mankind's Bad News?

B. Eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is the actual act that brought about The Fall. Part of being human is eating this fruit for ourselves, or learning *good* from *evil* during our earth experience. Name some ways we learn the difference between good and evil.

C. Read 2 Nephi 2:5. According to this scripture, what can the law do for us? What can't it do for us?

3. A. The angel's words to King Benjamin start in verse 2 with the word "Awake!" What is the number of the last verse the angel speaks?

B. Is there a verse here that you previously thought was King Benjamin's word, but now realize was spoken by an angel?

4. The Fall caused a cascade of events that affect us down to this day. What are some words and phrases in this chapter that refer to the bad things that can happen in life because of The Fall?

5. Look up the following scriptures. List from them additional effects of The Fall upon men and women:

A. Moses 6: 48-49

B. Helaman 12:4-5

6. A. Please re-read verses 7, 11, 15, 16, and 18. What exactly is it that atones for or covers man's sin.

B. Please read Exodus 12:3,5-7,12-13. Explain how the Israelites avoided the curse of death to the firstborn that was coming in the land of Egypt?

C. Why do we need to remember that it was the blood of an actual person, Jesus Christ, that paid for our sins and not some impersonal power or force titled The Atonement?

7. Verse 16 says about little children, "as in Adam, or by nature, they fall..."

A. Name some characteristics of children that reflect The Fall in what they do "naturally." (Hint: not everything children do is good.)

B. From this verse, what atones for or "covers"<sup>1</sup> the wrongdoing of little children?

8. How had King Benjamin's people been taught the Law of Moses? (See Jarom v.11).

9. Read Romans 7:7. Can there be sin without any law? Explain.

10. Verse 19 is a powerful synopsis of the Plan of Salvation.

A. What does this verse say has happened to us as a result of The Fall?

B. In question 8 we listed some behaviors in which children act out "the natural man." Yet in this verse, we are told that we must become *like little children* to be saved. What characteristics of little children must we come to have as adults, in order to be saved from The Fall? You may use the words of the verse and also your own words.

11. A. What verse sums up the exclusivity of the plan of redemption, or that there is no other way out of the Bad News except the Good News?

B. What warning does the angel give in the last seven verses of his "speech"?

## **Second Reading:** Mosiah 4:1-11

12. Name at least three things that happened to the people as a result of hearing the angel's words.

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<sup>1</sup> *Interesting fact:* The word for atonement in Hebrew, *kippur*, comes from a more primitive word, *kapphar*, which means *cover over*. When Noah built the ark, he was to "kapphar" it with tar so it would be waterproof. The atonement is a cover for our sin.

13. What do you think were the key things, in your own words, that enabled the Spirit of the Lord to come upon the people so strongly in verse 3?

14. List words and phrases in the first eleven verses that are things King Benjamin says the people should know and remember about God.

15. List words and phrases in the first eleven verses of Chapter Four that are things King Benjamin says the people should remember about themselves.

16. A. What *exactly* is called worthless in verse 5?

B. Read John 15:5. What does this teach you about your "nothingness"?

### **Third Reading: Mosiah 4:13-30**

17. What will be the effects in our families if parents receive the Spirit and become changed by it?

18. What reason does King Benjamin give for saying that the people must no longer turn away the poor and the beggars?

19. Benjamin's last warning is for the people to "watch yourselves, your thoughts...words...and deeds. Continue in...faith...unto the end of your lives. And now, oh [woman], remember and perish not." How is all that possible for us as LDS women?

**Scripture List:** Here are the outside scriptures used in this lesson--

**Question #**

**1. Luke 2:10** And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

**2. 2 Nephi 2:5** And men are instructed sufficiently that they know good from evil. And the law is given unto men. And by the law no flesh is justified; or, by the law men are cut off. Yea, by the temporal law they were cut off; and also, by the spiritual law they perish from that which is good, and become miserable forever.

**5. Moses 6:48-49** And he said unto them: Because that Adam fell, we are; and by his fall came death; and we are made partakers of misery and woe. 49 Behold Satan hath come among the children of men, and tempteth them to worship him; and men have become carnal, sensual, and devilish, and are shut out from the presence of God.

**Helaman 12:4-5** O how foolish, and how vain, and how evil, and devilish, and how quick to do iniquity, and how slow to do good, are the children of men; yea, how quick to hearken unto the words of the evil one, and to set their hearts upon the vain things of the world! 5 Yea, how quick to be lifted up in pride; yea, how quick to boast, and do all manner of that which is iniquity; and how slow are they to remember the Lord their God, and to give ear unto his counsels, yea, how slow to walk in wisdom's paths!

**6. Exodus 12:3, 5-7,12-13** 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:  
5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:  
6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.  
7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.  
12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.  
13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

**8. Jarom 11** Wherefore, the prophets, and the priests, and the teachers, did labor diligently, exhorting with all long-suffering the people to diligence; teaching the law of Moses, and the intent for which it was given; persuading them to look forward unto the Messiah, and believe in him to come as though he already was. And after this manner did they teach them.

**9. Romans 7:7** What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. Romans 7:7

**16. John 15:5** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.