* **Lesson 7: Mosiah 11, 12, 13, 14**

**Reading Instructions:** As you read chapters 11, 12, and 13, try to mark the phrases that contain the word *heart*. You’ll use this exercise to answer a question later.

* **First Reading:** Mosiah 11:1-19
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1. A. Name at least four of Noah’s sins.

 B. Name the affects of Noah’s sins on his people.

2. A. What effect do the sins of leaders today, both government and cultural leaders, have upon people in our own country?

 B. How can we as LDS women, protect families from the unrighteous examples of the famous and influential people around them?

3. The priests of King Noah taught “vain and flattering words” that deceived the people. What kind of things might they have been preaching that fit this description?

4. A. What was the reaction of the men in King Noah’s army to their victory in battle over the Lamanites?

 B. Why is it particularly important to be humble right after a victory or success of some sort?

* **Second Reading:** Mosiah 11:20-29
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5. What did Abinadi say God would do if the people did not repent? Cite verses.

6. Wearing “sackcloth” (the rough scratchy cloth that sacks are made of) and sprinkling “ashes” on your head (this reminds us of our mortality—“dust to dust and ashes to ashes”) was done long ago to be an outward sign of one’s grief, mourning or deep penitence. It was often accompanied by wailing or loud crying.

 Why do you think God said he would not hear their prayers unless they repented “in sackcloth and ashes”?

* 7. A. How did *the people* respond to Abinadi’s call to repentance?

 B. What was *King Noah’s* response? Cite verse.

 C. What specifically happened to the hearts of the king and his people? Cite verse.

* **Third Reading:** Mosiah 12:1-19

8. Name three new prophecies that Abinadi adds about what will happen to the people and king.

9. A. How did Abinadi respond to the verbal attack of King Noah?

 B. How was Abinadi able to react in this way? See D&C 100:5-6.

* **Fourth Reading:** Mosiah 12:20-37

10. The priests of King Noah react to Abinadi’s message of “doom and gloom” by quoting a passage from Isaiah that praises those who bring “good tidings,” implying that religious leaders should be delivering happy, “feel good” messages to the people. This is apparently what *they* do, “flattering” the people and appealing to their vanity. Can you think of any examples of this kind of preaching or teaching that is popular today?

11. A. Abinadi rebukes the priests for not being wise because they have not “applied their hearts to understanding.” What *have* they set their hearts upon? Cite verse.

 B. How can we “apply our own hearts” to understanding the scriptures?

* **Fifth Reading:** Mosiah 13:1-10

12. King Noah orders Abinadi’s death. Why are his men unable to carry out this sentence? Describe the scene.

13. In your own words, what is Abinadi saying in verse 10?

* **Sixth Reading:** Mosiah 13: 11-35

14. Abinadi’s point in verse 28 is that the Ten Commandments are not sufficient in and of themselves to bring about mankind’s salvation. Why not?

15. Abinadi explains the reason that the Israelites were given such strict laws. What is it? Cite verse.

16. CHALLENGE QUESTION: What have you learned about “hearts” from noticing what the scriptures say about them in these readings?

* **Seventh Reading:** Mosiah 14: 1-12

17. This chapter is a word for word recitation of Isaiah 53. It is considered the plainest Old Testament prophesy of a coming Redeemer/Messiah, even though the prophecy is cloaked in the poetic language typical of Isaiah. Pick out three phrases from this passage and tell how they were fulfilled in the earthly ministry of Christ.

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18. What do these beautiful words add to your testimony or appreciation of the Savior?