

Lesson 9: Mosiah 18, 19, 20,

First Reading: Mosiah 18: 1-16

1. A. What is the very first thing Alma does after fleeing for his life from King Noah's guards?
 B. Why is repentance so necessary to change—why not ignore the past and just move on?

2. What were the things that Alma was preaching? Cite verses.

3. Being baptized makes people members of a group of baptized people we call a 'church.' What things flow from being baptized and becoming part of the Lord's church?

4. Being baptized obligates a person to do what?

5. What does the Lord promise to do for a baptized person? In other words, what is His part of the agreement?

6. A. How many times in verses 10-14 do you find the word "Spirit," referring to the Holy Ghost?
 B. Describe what you think is happening here?
 C. When something is poured out into someone, that person is filled with what is being poured out. What reference do you find in this part of the narrative of the people being filled with something?

7. Why do new converts need grace at the beginning of their walk with God, or, in other words, at the beginning of their membership in the church?

Second Reading: Mosiah 18:17-35

8. A. How many people were baptized at Alma's first baptismal service?
 B. Alms ordained a priest for every _____ people.

9. What did the priesthood of that church have in common with our church leadership today?

10. What were some things that characterized the church that Alma founded?

11. PERSONAL: Verse 30 is a poetic tribute to the place called Mormon, where Alma's little church began. It had obviously become dear to them. Is there a similar place in your memory—the first ward you attended or the place where you first took missionary lessons—a place associated with your coming to Christ or gaining your testimony? Tell about it.

Third Reading: Mosiah 19:1-31

12. Describe the man Gideon and his interaction with King Noah?

13. Briefly describe the fates of the following groups after the attack of the Lamanites on the Nephites:

A. Those who would not flee with Noah:

B. Those who fled with Noah because he commanded them to:

C. King Noah:

D. The wicked priests of Noah:

14. A. Who became King after Noah's death and how was he different from his father?

B. What deal did the new king make with the king of the Lamanites that allowed the Nephites to stay in their land?

Fourth Reading: Mosiah 20:1-16

15. A. What unfortunate situation did the wicked priests find themselves in?

B. What did they do about it that caused much trouble for the remaining Nephites?

Fifth Reading: Mosiah 20:17-26

16. What kind of man does Gideon show himself to be in his speech before the two kings? How did this help the situation?

17. Starting in verse 8 of chapter 20 and forward, what circumstances and coincidences show the providential working of God in behalf of the Nephites?

18. And what kind of man does the Lamanite King show himself to be?

19. PERSONAL: Can you think of a time when a co-incidence or circumstance in your own life, was a manifestation of God working to bring about His good purposes in your life?