

## Lesson 11: Mosiah 24, 25

**READING NOTES:** In the previous three chapters we see God’s people in a condition of bondage. Chapters 21 and 22 follow King Limhi, the son of wicked king Noah, and the Nephites who are left to deal with a legacy of Noah’s sins and poor government. They are eventually rescued by a group from Zarahemla led by Ammon who has come searching for them. Chapter 23 relates the story of Alma and the faithful saints who left their city during Noah’s reign to start a colony on their own. They are discovered however, by Lamanite armies who happen upon them while searching for the fleeing group of Nephites under King Limhi. This same army also finds the lost priests of Amulon. When everything is sorted out, the Lamanites put the bad guys (Amulon and company) in charge of the good guys (Alma and company). The scene is set.

### First Reading: Mosiah 24: 1-25

1. A. What responsibilities did the king of the Lamanites give to Amulon and his fellow priests?  
  
B. What are some ways this changed Lamanite culture?
2. Why did Amulon have it in for Alma?
3. Amulon and his priest friends became VIP’s in the Lamanite kingdom. What should be our response when wicked people prosper and become influential in the world around us?
4. What were the afflictions suffered by Alma’s people?
5. Why were the Amulonites unsuccessful in preventing Alma and his people from calling upon God?
6. Re-read the covenants Alma’s people made in their relationships with one another from Mosiah 18:8-9. What benefits would they receive in this situation from these covenants?
7. A. The Lord helped Alma’s people in stages. What was the first stage of his assistance to them?  
  
B. What was the reason God gave for doing things this way? Cite verse.

C. Why do you think patience and cheerfulness (v.15) is the right response to affliction for a Latter-day Saint?

8. PERSONAL: Is there a time you can share in which the Lord “eased your burdens that you could not feel them” or in some way “visited you in your affliction”?

9. The second stage of the Lord’s deliverance of Alma’s people was to actually get them out of the situation they were in. What attitudes did the people have that seemed to be the trigger for actual deliverance? Why do you think this is?

10. A. How did Alma’s people escape from bondage?

B. Does the Lord still perform miracles of deliverance in our day?

11. CHALLENGE QUESTION: What is the major difference between the sufferings of King Limhi’s people (Chapter 22) before their deliverance from bondage and the sufferings of Alma’s group before their deliverance?

**Second Reading: Mosiah 25: 1-24** In this section, all the population groups that are designated Nephites come together in Zarahemla under King Mosiah’s leadership.

12 A. Which two groups are “returning” after three generations away from Zarahemla?

B. Of all the people under King Mosiah’s authority, who constitutes the largest population group?

C. How do Mosiah’s people compare in number to the Lamanites?

13. Match up the following three kings to the way in which they were primarily responsible for getting or keeping the people under their reign in bondage?

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| 1. King Zeniff             | A. Being born into bondage     |
| 2. King Noah, Zeniff's son | B. Relying on the arm of flesh |
| 3. King Limhi, Noah's son  | C. Sin                         |

14. A. What are ways that people can put their children into bondage?

B. What hope is there in the stories we have read in Mosiah for all of us who are in bondage because of the actions of generations before us?

15. A. How did the people react when the records of the returning groups were read to them?

B. What does this teach you about *the power of vicarious experience*? And about the importance of reading good literature, keeping journals, knowing the experiences of your ancestors, etc.

16. The theme of bondage and escape from bondage is very prominent in the Book of Mormon. What is the spiritual message you take from these stories of deliverance from bondage?