

Lesson 12: Mosiah 26, 27

First Reading: Mosiah 26:1-14

1. What were some of the things the rising generation did not believe in?

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 - A. What came first—not understanding or not believing?

 - B. What things can be done to help the rising generation have “believing” hearts?

 - C. What things can we do to help the rising generation “understand the word of God”?

3. What gave the dissenters in the rising generation power to cause apostasy among church members?

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 - A. What things from these verses show that those who heard King Benjamin's speech and reacted to it by saying “We have no more disposition to do evil,” (Mosiah 5:2) nevertheless, did commit sins in their lives? (You may want to cross reference this verse with Mosiah 5:2) Cite verses.

 - B. CHALLENGE: If being born again does not mean that you never again sin, why did the people say what they did in Mosiah 5:2?

5. What do you learn about receiving answers from the Lord from verses 13 and 14?

Second Reading: Mosiah 26: 15-39

6. What reasons are given for Alma being blessed?

7. List and number the different positive things from this section that will cause people to be accepted of the Lord, (or be considered as His church, or be “mine” according to the Lord.)

8. List the negative things that cause a person not to be accepted by the Lord.

9. What does King Benjamin warn about in Mosiah 5:11?

10. A. Look at verse 21 through verse 28. What scriptural evidence do you find here for the importance of developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

B. Can you sit in sacrament meeting and conference and hear the words spoken and yet not “hear the voice of the Lord”? Explain.

C. Verse 24 says, “if they know me they shall come forth, and shall have a place eternally at my right hand.” These references echo King Benjamin’s words in Mosiah 5:12 from our earlier study. What similar ideas are being taught in both scriptures?

11. A. What comforting concept is found in verse 30? Why is this important?

B. What happens to those who refuse to forgive others? Cite verse from this reading and any other verse of scripture that you think might apply.

12. From the end of this chapter, list at least 7 actions that Alma and the other church leaders made a part of their ministry.

Third Reading: Mosiah 27: 1-22

13. Church members were experiencing “persecutions.” Of what sort might these have been?

14. What are some ways in which Nephite society is changing during this time?

15. What was the aim of Alma and the sons of Mosiah before their conversions?

16. What did the angel say to Alma and the sons of Mosiah about:

A. The church.

B. Prayer

C. God’s Power.

D. Captivity

17. Why do you think Alma's father—Alma the Elder—reacted the way he did when his son was brought to him? Why did he "rejoice"?

Second Reading: Mosiah 27:23-37

18. Alma begins telling the people of his experience by saying that three (main) things had happened to him. What were they?

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

19. A What things about Alma's experience are very different from most church members?

B. What things does Alma's experience have in common with many church members?

20. Have you learned anything new or particularly impressive to you about being "born again" from this study?