

## Alma 7 Chapter 5<sup>th</sup>

The words of Alma which he delivered to the People in Gideon according to his own Record. —

<sup>1</sup>Behold my beloved Brethren  
seeing that I have been permitted to come unto you  
therefore I attempt to address you in my language  
yea by my own mouth  
seeing that it is the first time  
that I have spoken unto you by the words of my mouth  
I having been wholly confined to the Judgment seat  
having<sup>had</sup> much business that I could not come unto you  
<sup>2</sup>and even I could not have come now at this time  
were it not that the Judgment seat hath been given to another  
to Reign in my stead

and the Lord in much mercy hath granted that I should come unto you,  
<sup>3</sup>and b<sup>e</sup>hold I have come having great hopes and much desire  
that I should find that ye had humbled yourselves before God  
and that ye had continued in the supplicating of his grace  
that I should find that ye were blameless b<sup>e</sup>fore him  
that I should find that ye were not in the awful dilemma  
that our Brethren were in at Zarahemla  
<sup>4</sup>but blessed be the name of God that he hath given unto me to know  
yea hath given unto me the exceeding great Joy of Knowing  
that they are established again in the way of his righteousness<sup>s</sup>  
<sup>5</sup>and I trust according to the spirit of God which is in me  
that I shall also have joy over you,  
nevertheless I do not desire  
that my joy over you should come  
by the cause of so much afflictions and sorrow  
which I have had for the Brethren at Zarahemla  
for behold my joy cometh over them  
after wading through much afflictions and sorrow,  
<sup>6</sup>but behold I trust that ye are not in a state of so much unbelief  
as were your Brethren  
I trust that ye are not lifted up in the pride of your hearts  
yea I trust that ye have not set your hearts  
upon riches & the vain things of the world  
yea I trust that you do not worship Idols  
but that ye do worship the true and the living God  
and that ye look forward for the remission of your Sins  
with an everlasting faith  
which is to come

<sup>7</sup>for behold I say unto you there be many things to come  
and behold there is one thing which is of more importance than they all  
for behold the time is not far distant  
that the Redeemer liveth and cometh among His people

<sup>8</sup>Behold I do not say that he will come among us  
at the time of his dwelling in his mortal tabernacle  
for behold the spirit hath not said unto me this this should be the case  
now as to this thing I do not know,  
but this much I d know  
that the Lord God hath power to do all things  
which is according to his word,

<sup>9</sup>but behold the spirit hath said this much unto me saying  
cry unto this people saying  
Repent ye, repent  
ye and prepare the way of the Lord  
and walk in his paths which are strait,  
for behold the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand  
and the Son of God cometh upon the face of the Earth

<sup>10</sup>and behold he shall be born of Mary at Jerusalem  
which is the land of our fore Fathers  
She being a virgin a precious and Chosen Vessel  
who shall be over shadowed  
and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost  
and bring forth a Son  
yea even the Son of God

<sup>11</sup>and he shall go forth  
suffering pain and affliction and temptation of every Kind  
and this this the word might be fulfilled which sayith  
he will take upon him the pains and the sicknesses of his people

<sup>12</sup>and he will take upon him Death  
that he may loose the bands of Death which bind his people,  
and he will take upon him their infirmities  
that his bowels may be filled with mercy According to the flesh  
that he may know according to the flesh  
how to suffer his people according to their infermities,

<sup>13</sup>now the spirit knoweth all things  
nevertheless the Son of God suffereth according to the flesh  
that he might take upon him the sins of his people  
that he might blot out their transgressions  
according to the power of his deliverance,  
and now behold this is the testimony which is in me,

<sup>14</sup>now I say unto you  
that ye must repent and ~~and~~ be born again  
for the spirit sayeth  
if ye are not born again ye cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven  
therefore come and be Baptised unto repentance  
that ye may be washed from your sins  
that ye may have faith on the Lamb of God  
which taketh away the sins of the world  
which is mighty to save and to cleanse from all unrighteousness  
<sup>15</sup>yea I say unto you  
come and fear not and lay aside every Sin which easily doth beset you  
which doth bind you down to destruction  
yea come and go forth and show unto your God  
that ye are willing to repent of your sins  
and enter into a covenant with him to keep his commandments  
and witness it unto him this day by going into the waters of Baptism  
<sup>16</sup>and whosoever doeth this  
and keepeth the commandments of God from thenceforth  
the same will remember that I say unto him  
yea he will remember that I have said unto him  
he shall have eternal life  
according to the testimony of the holy spirit which testifieth in me,

<sup>17</sup>and now my beloved Brethren do you believe these things,  
behold I say unto you  
yea I know that you believe them  
and the way ~~that~~ I know that ye believe them  
is by the manifestation of the spirit which is in me  
and now because your faith is strong concerning that,  
yea concerning the things which I have spoken  
great is my joy.

<sup>18</sup>for as I said unto you from the beginning  
that I had much desire  
that ye were not in the state of dilemma like your Brethren  
even so I have found that my desires have been gratified  
<sup>19</sup>for I perceive that ye are in the paths of righteousness  
I perceive that ye are in the paths which ~~to~~ leads to the Kingdom of God  
yea I perceive that ye are making his paths strait  
<sup>20</sup>I perceive that it hath been made known unto you by the testimony of his word  
that he cannot walk in crooked paths  
neither doth he vary from that which he ~~that~~ hath said  
neither hath he a shadow of turning from the right to the left  
or from that which is right to that which is wrong  
therefore his courses is one Eternal round.

<sup>21</sup>he doth not dwell in unh<sup>o</sup>ly temples  
neither can filth<sup>i</sup>ness or any thing which is unclean  
be received into the Kingdom of God  
therefore I say unto you  
the time shall come  
yea and it shall be at the last day  
that he whi<sup>o</sup>h is filthy shall remain in his filthiness

<sup>22</sup>and now my beloved Brethren I have said these things unto you  
that I might awaken you to a sense of your duty to God  
that ye may walk blameless before him  
that ye may walk afther the holy <sup>order</sup> of God  
after which ye have been received

<sup>23</sup>and now I would that ye should be humble and be submissive and gentle  
easy to be entreated  
full of patience and long suffering  
being temperate in all things,  
being diligent in keeping the commadments of God at all times  
asking for whatsoever things ye stand in need both spiritual and temporal  
always returning thanks unto God for whatsoever things ye do receive

<sup>24</sup>and see that ye have faith hope and charity  
and then ye will always abound in good works,

<sup>25</sup>and may the Lord bless you and keep your garments spotless  
that ye may at last be brought to sit down with Abraham Isaac and Jacob  
and the holy Prophets which have been ever since the wourld began  
having your garments spotless  
even as their garments are spotless  
in the K<sup>i</sup>ngdom of Heaven, to go no more out,

<sup>26</sup>and now my beloved Brethren I have spoken these unto you  
according to the spirit which testifieth in me  
and my soul doth exceedingly rejoice  
because of the exceeding diligence and heed  
which ye have given unto my word

<sup>27</sup>and now may the peace of God rest upon you  
and upon your houses and lands  
and upon your flocks and herds and all that you possess  
your women and your Children  
according to your and good works  
from this time ~~hense~~ forth and forever  
& ~~th~~<sup>thus</sup> is I have spoken  
Amen