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Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 27

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Abstract: Monthly Book of Mormon lessons for adult women (Relief Society). Each month a verse of Book of Mormon scripture is presented with accompanying quotes from General Authorities and writers of the Church.

teenth year of Judges the people mourned for their dead.

Alma concluded chapter twenty-eight:

And thus we see how great the inequality of man is because of sin and transgression, and the power of the devil, which comes by the cunning plans which he hath devised to ensnare the hearts of men.

And thus we see the great call of diligence of men to labor in the vineyards of the Lord; and thus we see the great rea-

son of sorrow, and also of rejoicing—sorrow because of death and destruction among men, and joy because of the light of Christ unto life (Alma 28:13-14).

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did these missionaries achieve such signal success?
2. What does faith in our ability under God's direction do, to help us achieve success?
3. How did the converted Lamanites show their allegiance to the truth?
4. How can we, as mothers, help to strengthen missionary work in our Church?

Visiting Teacher Messages

Book of Mormon Gems of Truth

Lesson 27—"For Behold, This Life Is the Time for Men to Prepare to Meet God; Yea, Behold the Day of This Life Is the Day for Men to Perform Their Labors" (Alma 34:32).

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For Tuesday, December 7, 1954

Objective: To stress the necessity of working out our salvation here and now, in mortality.

THE more we read and ponder Amulek's instructions, the more we are impressed with the fact that every moment of this life is extremely valuable to us. This earth life is of such great importance that it determines the status of our entire future existence. Though it is a relatively brief period, we shall be judged by the performance we render here. This life is a time of preparation, the plowing and the sowing time. The harvest comes later—eternal life in the presence of our Heavenly Father, if we prove worthy.

In *The Pearl of Great Price* we read:

And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever

the Lord their God shall command them (Abraham 3:25).

From *The Discourses of Brigham Young*:

It has also been decreed by the Almighty that spirits, upon taking bodies, shall forget all they had known previously, or they could not have a day of trial—could not have an opportunity for proving themselves in darkness and temptation, in unbelief and wickedness, to prove themselves worthy of eternal existence (Chapter IV, Pre-Existence, *The Plan of Salvation*, 1925 Edition, page 60).

The purpose of this life is to gain knowledge and experience with the body and spirit combined, and, through this experience, to prove our worthiness. The labors of this life cannot be postponed until some

later date. Since preparing to meet God is the assignment for this life, it is only logical to presume that there is no other time in which to do so. Some may suppose that in the life after death there will be sufficient opportunity to rectify errors and deficiencies. But Amulek tells us that this is the time, now, today to repent, “. . . if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness wherein there can be no labor performed” (Alma 34:33). We cannot expect to have the same opportunity again. Certainly, it will be

to our advantage to perform the necessary labors here and now. Someone has said:

Oh, how I wish I might right my blunders by living one life for practice and then one more to count.

But were this so, mortality would not be a probationary period as it was intended. “Every day,” said President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., “should be so lived that we could meet our Maker with safety.”

Let us not be misled. This life is the time to repent, to mend our ways, and prepare to meet our God.

Work Meeting—Selection, Care, and Use of Household Equipment

(A Course Recommended for Use by Wards and Branches at Work Meeting)

Lesson 3—Washers and Dryers

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HOME laundering is both an art and a science. It is an art because appreciation and skill are necessary in the buying and upkeep of the family clothing and household textiles. It is a science because much chemistry and mechanics are involved in the process. Laundry is closely related to child care, home management, consumer buying, clothing construction, home furnishings, and personal grooming. The selection of equipment and supplies needed to do the job well is, therefore, an important responsibility of every homemaker.

While the use of a good washer does not of itself guarantee a snowy

white wash, it is today considered essential in making such a wash possible. There are on the market many good washers in both the automatic and conventional types, but there is no one “best washer” for all families.

The automatic washer will no doubt be preferred by the homemaker who:

1. Wants to be free to do other things while the laundry process is going on.
2. Does not have a definite laundry room nor space for one.
3. Is seriously disturbed by the muss that accompanies the use of a conventional washer.
4. Is more concerned with saving time