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## Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 41

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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.

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phites should come forth amongst them. He stressed the importance of the sacrament in the lives of the Nephites, informing them that it would help them to remember him, that it would be a witness unto the Father that they did remember him. He also was grateful unto his Father that the disciples had been given the Holy Ghost as a companion. The Savior's emphasis upon the sacrament and upon the bestowal of the Holy Ghost, indicates the great importance of these ordinances. Sometimes, however, partaking of the sacrament becomes so routine in our lives that we do not derive the full benefit from it. Only as we live worthily and meditate upon the meaning of the sacrifice of the Savior and the covenants we

take, can we get the full blessing that accompanies proper participation. After we have been baptized and confirmed and have received the Holy Ghost, we must continue to be faithful, to live the gospel, if we are to have the Holy Ghost and its influence to direct our lives.

### *Questions on the Lesson*

1. What miracles did Jesus perform among the Nephites?
2. What did Jesus say about the latter-day Gentiles?
3. What did he say about the latter-day Jews?
4. Discuss the importance of the ordinance of the sacrament.
5. Discuss the significance and blessings attached to the bestowal of the Holy Ghost.

## *Visiting Teacher Messages—* Book of Mormon Gems of Truth

Lesson 41—"Yea, Wo Unto Him That Shall Deny the Revelations of the Lord and That Shall Say the Lord No Longer Worketh by Revelation . . ."  
(3 Nephi 29:6).

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For Tuesday, October 2, 1956

Objective: To show that faith in continuous revelation is essential to a testimony of the truth of the gospel.

**C**ONTINUOUS revelation is the foundation stone upon which The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is built. It was also by means of this principle that the Church was restored in these latter days. When the Father and the Son appeared to Joseph Smith in 1820 that principle was reaffirmed in modern times.

Many people discount divine

revelation entirely, saying such belief is purely mythical, that the scriptures are only unproved tradition. Others say that revelation is no longer necessary, that God gave all the instructions needed for the welfare of mankind, in ancient days. But Latter-day Saints ". . . believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great

and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God” (9th Article of Faith).

There are certain fundamental principles and commandments in the scriptures which apply to all ages. Other revelations may apply only to particular circumstances. It was necessary, for example, for the Lord to instruct Moses day by day, in the flight of the children of Israel from Egypt. The resurrected Christ told the Nephites:

Behold, I say unto you that the law is fulfilled that was given unto Moses.

Behold, I am he that gave the law, and I am he who covenanted with my people Israel; therefore, the law in me is fulfilled, for I have come to fulfil the law; therefore it hath an end (3 Nephi 15:4-5).

Brigham Young was given revelation concerning the westward march of the saints to the Rocky Mountains, etc. Guidance is definitely needed from God in all ages and for different circumstances.

It would seem inconsistent for anyone who believes in the Bible to reject the principle of continuous revelation, for surely a just and loving God, who is “the same yester-

day, today and forever” would not reveal his will to Noah, to Abraham, to Moses and others, yet leave later generations without contact.

Many people inquire, “Do the Authorities of the Church receive revelations today?” Certainly they do. Revelations are received currently for the welfare of the Church as a whole. Because they do not appear in book form as do those in the Doctrine and Covenants, for example, does not mean they are any less important or authoritative.

In a recent address on the subject of revelation President Stephen L Richards stated:

. . . The secret of life is to build on the old, the tried and the true . . . Now revelation is the foundation. I know of nothing else so solid and dependable . . . Revelation has generally come to us through the prophets, although the greatest and most important of all revelation came directly from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal God . . . Modern day scripture or revelation has the same validity with even more direct proof of authenticity than does ancient scripture. Both emanate from the same source . . . We know the right through revelation . . . So, my brethren and sisters, learn the revelations and live by them. They are true . . . (*Deseret News*, Church Section, July 2, 1955, pp. 2-3).

## *Work Meeting*—Food Preparation and Service

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

### Lesson 1—Lunches and Sandwiches

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WHEN one meal a day must be carried to work in a lunch box, the homemaker has a real challenge to meet, for into that

lunch box must go foods that will provide a fair share of the day's needs and be so inviting, satisfying, and healthful, that the worker or