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BoFM #29

Alma 36-38

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Ch 36

Transformative
Power of Christ

Look to God and Live

condemnation → salvation

perform → know

general → personal

pain, fear, paralysis → joy, longing, strength

→ he delivered them → he delivered me
they have been supported → I have been supported

Wickedness → repentance

→ this is a carefully crafted, profoundly poetic masterpiece demonstrating the power of Christ to change hearts and lives

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Alma entrusts Helaman with the records

as we will find out later, he tried first to give them to Nephiah (Alma 50:38) but he refused

The records will stay bright, if they are kept.

↳ if they contain holy writ, they'll maintain brightness

- is this a) miraculous preservation of scriptural plates, or

b) a sign of the increased devotion to those plates over others?

This is the "small and simple" thing, which leads me to believe it's the latter → if you choose to maintain the plates, they'll be the means of saving souls.

The scriptures have hitherto saved many

v. 15 - if you are faithful to those sacred things you've been given, you will enjoy the protection of God

- if not, you'll be delivered up, and they'll be taken away

v. 21 - 32 keep hidden the details of the Jaredites' transgressions

v. 35 - learn wisdom in thy youth = was he afraid Helaman would change, and is that why he chose ^{Nephiah} ~~Helaman~~ first?

✱ wisdom = keep the commandments. Hebraism: wisdom = the correct application of knowledge

v. 38-47 Liahona is a miracle, and a type of the spirit
it's just as easy to follow the spirit as it is a compass (cf. Moroni ch. 7)

v. 46 ~~do not~~ let us be slothful because of the easiness of the way

ch 38

commendments to Shiblou (who would also one day receive the photos)

v. 3-5 he suffered bondage and stoning with faith in God

v. 5-9 abbreviated version of ch 36.

- this leads me to believe Shiblou was more faithful than Helomon perhaps. See also v. 11 → do not boast because of your wisdom or strength.

★ Did Almo give Helomon a more eloquent letter (and maybe leave him behind from the mission to the Zoramites) because he needed more work? If so, why did he choose Helomon and not Shiblou to curate the records?

In any case, Helomon proves to be a wonderful choice, even though he is more general than prophet. (4 yrs vs 13)