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Alma 5-7

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BofM #22 Have Ye Experienced This Mighty Change in Your Hearts?

Alma 5: one of the great motivational chapters for latter-day saints
ALSO an admonition & reproof for wayward believers. Why?

Delivered forebears from: captivity and sin
sin is the real deliverance, liberation from earthly
captivity is > symbol that God can forgive sin

Jesus taught the same thing: by healing (Matt 9:6)

So, we remember God's deliverance of our forebears so we will believe
in his atonement.

word → change → humility → trust → endurance

* change leads us to believe in the day of judgment
and hope for mercy when it comes

5:26 "can ye feel so now?"

The way to "feel so now" is to continue to

- a) remember the day of judgment
- b) sufficiently humble / stripped of pride
- c) stripped of envy
- d) refrain from mocking

- e) refrain from persecuting believers
- f) share substance with the poor

V. 38

God calls you by his own name
Jehovah → "he will cause to become"
if you can't answer to this name,
how can he change you?

39-41 dichotomy between following God & the devil

v. 62 (v 34)
* tree of life

remember the 2
competing narratives
from 1 Ne. 8:

tree of life / building
vs.

infinite chess board

v. 57 come out from the
wicked

ch. 6

w. 2-3 some were brought in
others were brought out

v. 5 everyone was still welcome

~~the~~ (i.e. membership in the church is a standard)

ch. 7 these are words to faithful saints

not as much about change → rejoicing in Christ

testifies of his mortal ministry & atonement

v. 19 "ye are making his paths straight"

These are the actions of subjects preparing for
the arrival of their King

Read w. 23-24. These are the real messages for the
faithful, & sum up what you need to know

One of these messages is for faithful saints, the other for wayward.
Good spiritual barometer → which of these two kinds of messages
am I noticing more/resources with me?

So,

from ch. 5 choose the right narrative

from ch. 7 1st have faith, then hope, then charity, then you will
be blessed to abound in good works
→ ask for what you need