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Alma 39-42

BoFM #30 The Great Plan of Happiness

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Ch 39

Chastity

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List as the litmus test for immoral behavior and not fornication or adultery
v. 5 "these" things. What is included in "these things" that are most abominable above all sins short of murder?

- he didn't just go after the harlot Isabel, he did it while entrusted with a ministry, affecting the name of God itself that he purported to carry (see v. 11) Exodus 20:7 *naash* - to take or carry

Ch 40 - pure revealed doctrine God will not hold him guiltless who carries his name in vain

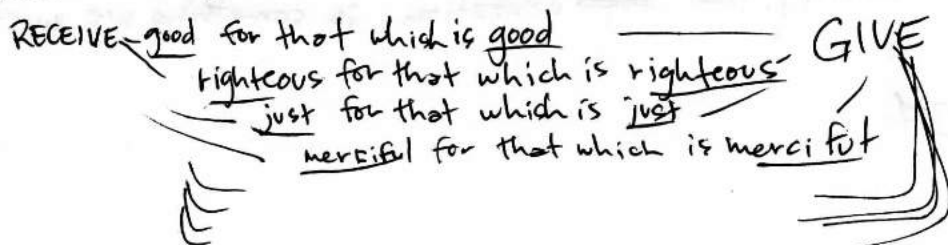
- Resurrection means the body and soul reunited
- Christ will be the first resurrected
- Other righteous souls will follow, likely before the wicked
- Between death and resurrection, there is a sort of judgment (prison & paradise)
- the sorting into prison & paradise can be termed a kind of resurrection (proof that resurrection & judgment were nearly synonymous to BoFM prophets)

Ch 41

Antidote to the doctrine of the Nephites (all will be saved)
restoration ≠ wickedness → happiness

12-15 elegant poem demonstrating his point - restoration means to get what you gave

- restoration is not to change things out of their natural state
- restoration restores evil for evil, carnal, devilish



- that which you send out shall return to you again
- the word restoration more fully condemns the sinner, and justifies him not at all

ch 42

Why is it justice to punish sinners?

- Explained through an understanding of the Fall

v. 7 After Adam and Eve were cut off temporarily and spiritually from the presence of the Lord, they became subjects after their own will (i.e. heteronomy)

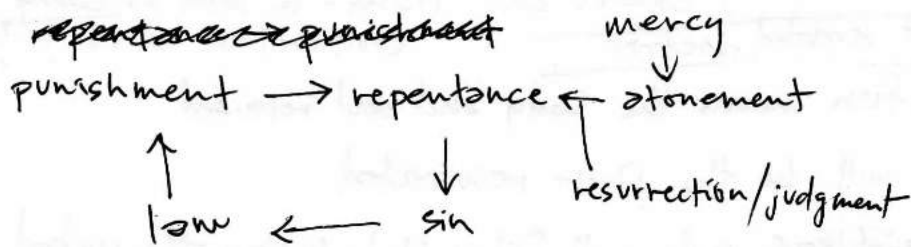
v. 14 Fallen = in the grasp of justice

v. 15 God himself atoneth = plan of mercy

→ TWO great proxy sacrifices

~~v. 15-17~~ → = depends on

v. 15-17



v. 21 w/o law, neither justice nor mercy has claim upon us

v. 27, 30 our desire should not be to escape justice, but to understand, accept, and even love God's justice, because (see v. 22) this is what makes God God.

After letting ^{the} justice of God have full sway in our hearts, strive to qualify for his mercy as well.

justice, like the resurrection is a free gift to all (bread) - Adam
mercy, like ~~rep~~ exaltation, is something we must choose (water) - Christ

read v. 27