



The Gospel Doctrine Class



Book of Mormon - Lesson 10

He Inviteth All to Come unto Him

"I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little; and blessed are those who hearken unto my precepts, and lend an ear unto my counsel, for they shall learn wisdom; for unto him that receiveth I will give more" (2 Nephi 28:30)

2 Nephi 26-30

A study of this lesson will help us understand that through the Restoration of the gospel and the teachings of the Book of Mormon, the Lord will cause truth to triumph over evil.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell: "Even in the seemingly miscellaneous gospel gems there is plainness and preciousness. If, for instance, we assume there is only ancient relevance concerning the practice and purposes of priestcraft, we need to be braced by how germane that definition is for our time.... Do we not see such people working today (minus the label, of course) among the children of men? Alas, such match the criteria set forth not only as some lead out in the realm of religion but in the realm of irreligion." (Plain and Precious Things, pp86-87)

Elder Bruce R. McConkie: "Priesthood and priestcraft are two opposites; one is of God, the other of the devil. When ministers claim but do not possess the priesthood; when they set themselves up as lights to their congregations, but do not preach the pure and full gospel; when their interest is in gaining personal popularity and financial gain, rather than in caring for the poor and ministering to the wants and needs of their fellow men -- they are engaged, in a greater or lesser degree, in the practice of priestcrafts." (Mormon Doctrine, p593)

President Ezra Taft Benson: "Not only are there apostates within our midst, but there are also apostate doctrines that are sometimes taught in our classes and from our pulpits and that appear in our publications. And these apostate precepts of men cause our people to stumble...

"Christ taught that we should be in the world but not of it. Yet there are some in our midst who are not so much concerned about taking the gospel into the world as they are about bringing worldliness into the gospel. They want us to be popular with the worldly even though a prophet has said that it is impossible, for all hell would then want to join us.

"Through their own reasoning and a few misapplied scriptures, they try to sell us the precepts and philosophies of men. They do not feel the Church is progressive enough." (CR, Apr 1969)

President James E. Faust: "Thomas R. Rowan...said: 'Author and commentator Malcom Muggeridge once told a story about some frogs who were killed without resistance by being boiled alive in [a] cauldron of water. Why didn't they resist? Because when they were put in the cauldron, the water was tepid. Then the temperature was raised ever so slightly,...then a bit warmer still, and on and on and on. The change was so gradual, almost imperceptible, that the frogs accommodated themselves to their new environment--until it was too late. The point that Mr. Muggeridge was making was not about frogs but about us and how we tend to accept evil as long as it is not a shock that is thrust on us abruptly. We are inclined to accept something morally wrong if it is only a shade more wrong than something we are already accepting'." (Ensign, May 1989, p32)

Elder J. Golden Kimball: "My brethren and sisters, I want you to be good to me and help save me. If I can be saved it is an encouragement to every man, woman, and child in Israel to make the effort."

President Ezra Taft Benson: "We hardly fathom the power of the Book of Mormon, nor the divine role it must play, nor the extent to which it must be moved....

"[God] has revealed to me the absolute need for us to move the Book of Mormon forward now in a marvelous manner. You must help with this burden and with this blessing which He has placed on the whole Church." (CR, Oct 1988)

Next Week's Reading Assignment
2 Nephi 31-33

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