



The Gospel Doctrine Class



Book of Mormon - Lesson 27

All Things Denote There Is a God

“And all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion, yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form do witness that there is a Supreme Creator.” (Alma 30:44)

Alma 30-31

A study of this lesson will help us learn how to recognize and refute false teachings and stay true to our testimonies of Jesus Christ.

President Ezra Taft Benson: "The Book of Mormon exposes the enemies of Christ. It confounds false doctrines and lays down contention. It fortifies the humble followers of Christ against the evil designs, strategies, and doctrines of the devil in our day. The type of apostates in the Book of Mormon are similar to the type we have today. God, with his infinite foreknowledge, so molded the Book of Mormon that we might see the error and know how to combat philosophical concepts of our time." (Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, p56)

LaMar Garrard wrote about the importance of this chapter: "As we compare the teachings of this man [Korihor] and the beliefs of those today who advocate the philosophy of naturalism, we see a striking similarity. I believe the Lord foresaw the adverse effects of naturalism on our modern world and therefore purposely directed Mormon to include the teachings of Korihor in his record. Those who read and accept the Book of Mormon are thereby warned against accepting the philosophical assumptions of naturalism. What one believes about the universe is important because it affects one's behavior, for 'as [a man] thinketh in his heart, so is he'." (Studies in Scripture, 8:2)

Elder Bruce R. McConkie: "An antichrist is an opponent of Christ; he is one who is in opposition to the true gospel, the true Church, and the true plan of salvation. He is one who offers salvation to men on some other terms than those laid down by Christ. Sherem, Nehor, and Korihor were antichrists who spread their delusions

among the Nephites." (Mormon Doctrine, p39)

LaMar Garrard: "...if we seek and gain a confirmation through the power of the Holy Ghost that the Book of Mormon is true, we can use the contents of that book as a guide in detecting the beliefs of our modern generation that are anti-Christ in nature. It is our responsibility to not 'put off the Spirit of God' as did Korihor so that we may not 'be seduced by evil spirits, or doctrines of devils, or the commandments of men; for some are of men, and others of devils.'" (Studies in Scripture, 8:11)

Elder Boyd K. Packer: "True doctrine, understood changes attitudes and behavior. The study of the doctrines of the gospel will improve behavior quicker than a study of behavior will improve behavior." (Conference Report, October 1986, p20)

Daniel Ludlow wrote this about the prayer stand: "The name of the holy stand of the apostate Zoramites, upon which they stood when they offered their weekly prayer, was the 'Rameumpton.' Although this name may look strange in English, it has appropriate Semitic roots recognizable to students of Semitic languages. The preface 'ram' is frequently used to indicate a high place. For example, later in the Book of Mormon we read of the hill Ramah. Also in modern Israel are the town of Ramallah (located in the tops of the Judean hills just north of Jerusalem) and Rameem (which literally means 'the heights' and is located on the top of the hills near the Lebanese border)." (Companion To Your Study of The Book of Mormon, p213)

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