



# NEPHI AND LEHI, BROTHERS TAUGHT OF THE LORD

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**W**herefore I beseech you, brethren, that ye should search diligently in the light of Christ, that ye may know good from evil; and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, and condemn it not, ye certainly will be a child of Christ. (Moroni 7:18 RLDS) [Moroni 7:19 LDS]

Nephi had been taught the ways of the Lord very well by his father. Before Nephi's father, Helaman, died, he spoke to him and his younger brother, Lehi, "Behold I have given you the names of our first parents, which came out of the land of Jerusalem, and I have done this so when you remember your names you will remember them. And when you remember them you may remember their works. And when you remember their works you may know that it is said and also written that they were good. Therefore my sons I want you to do that which is good, that it may be said of you and also written even as it has been said and written of them." He also spoke many more things to his sons, such as laying up treasure in heaven, because the precious gift of eternal life doesn't fade away.

Helaman asked them to keep the commandments of God and to preach them to the people. And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi did preach with great power insomuch that many Nephites who had fallen into sin confessed their sins and were baptized unto repentance. Nephi and Lehi did also preach unto the Lamanites with great power and authority, for they had power and authority given unto them that they might speak, and they also had what they should speak given unto them.

The Lamanites were so astonished at their words that they were convinced of the wickedness and of the traditions of their fathers, insomuch that 8000 of them were baptized unto repentance.

As Nephi and Lehi traveled on to preach to more Lamanites in other areas of the land, they were taken by an army of the Lamanites and cast into prison. After they had been in prison many days without food, the Lamanites came in to take them so they might slay them. Just



then, Nephi and Lehi were circled about as if by fire, so much that the Lamanites would not lay their hands on them for fear they might be burned. Nevertheless, Nephi and Lehi were not burned, and they were standing in the midst of the fire. When they saw they were encircled by a pillar of fire and weren't burned, their hearts took courage, for they saw the Lamanites stood as if they were struck dumb with amazement.

Nephi and Lehi began to speak to them saying, "Fear not! For behold, it is God that has shown you this marvelous thing which is shown unto you that you cannot lay your hands on us to slay us." When they said this, the earth began to shake exceedingly and the walls of the prison shook as if they were about to tumble to the earth, but they did not fall.

It came to pass that the Lamanites and the Nephites which were dissenters were overshadowed with a cloud of darkness, and they became very afraid. And a voice came, as if it were above the cloud of darkness, saying, "Repent ye, repent ye! And seek no more to destroy thy servants which I have sent unto you to declare good tidings!" The voice was a still voice of perfect mildness, as if it had been a whisper, and it pierced them even to their very souls.

The earth began to shake again, and the walls of the prison trembled as if they were going to tumble to the earth, and the cloud of darkness which overshadowed them did not leave. And the voice came again saying, "Repent ye, repent ye! For the kingdom of heaven is at hand and seek no more to destroy my servants!"

And the earth shook again and the walls trembled, and again the third time the voice came and spoke unto them marvelous words which cannot be uttered by man. And the walls trembled again and the earth shook as if it were about to divide under them, but the Lamanites didn't flee because of the cloud of darkness which hung over them. They couldn't move because of the fear which came upon them.

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Now there was one among them, Aminadab, who was a Nephite by birth, who had once belonged to the church of God but had dissented from them. He turned around and saw through the cloud of darkness the faces of Nephi and Lehi, and their faces shone exceedingly even as the face of an angel. He saw that Nephi and Lehi lifted their faces to heaven and were lifting their voices to the being which they beheld. Then Aminadab cried to the people in the prison to turn and look, and they were given power to turn and look. And they saw the faces of Nephi and Lehi and they asked Aminadab, "What do all of these things mean? And who is it that they are talking with?"

Aminadab said to them, "They converse with the angels of God."

And the Lamanites said to him, "What should we do so that this cloud of darkness may be removed from overshadowing us?"

And Aminadab said to them, "You must repent and cry unto the voice even until you have faith in Christ, and when you do this the cloud of darkness shall be removed from overshadowing you."

They all began to cry to the voice of Him who shook the earth. They cried unto God even until the cloud of darkness was gone. When they saw the cloud of darkness was gone from overshadowing them, they saw that they were encircled about, every soul, by a pillar of fire.



And Nephi and Lehi were in the midst of them, and they were encircled about as if they were in the midst of a flaming

fire, yet it did not harm them or burn the walls. They were filled with a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. The Holy Spirit of God came down from heaven and entered their hearts and they were filled as with fire and they could speak marvelous words.

And they heard a pleasant voice, as if it were a whisper, speak to them, saying, "Peace, peace be unto you because of your faith in my well-beloved which was from the foundation of the world."

When they heard this, they looked up and saw the heavens open and angels came down out of heaven and ministered to them. There were about 300 people which saw and heard these things. They were told to go forth and



marvel not. Neither should they doubt. The people went out to all the regions around them and shared the things which they had heard and seen, and because of their words many more Lamanites were brought unto repentance.

Nephi and Lehi continued preaching throughout the land. Because Nephi declared the word of God to the people with such dedication, and without fear or becoming weary, God told Nephi in the presence of His angels that He would do whatever Nephi asked of Him. If Nephi told a mountain to come down and be made smooth, it would be done. God blessed Nephi for walking in the ways his father had taught him, keeping the commandments. Because Nephi and Lehi had faith in Christ and sought only the will of the Lord, and not their own, many marvelous things were done.

This record is such a wonderful testimony of the amazing blessings God can give us when we have faith. Nephi and Lehi's father taught them to seek to do that which is good, they followed his wishes and God showed favor on them because of it. If we seek to do good God desires to pour out his blessings on us as well.

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**Crack the code to discover the message given to the captors of Nephi and Lehi when they repented.**

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