

2 Nephi 6:51-103, 7, 8

Review Key Takeaways

- 6:45 And He cometh into the world that He may save all men, if they will hearken unto His voice.
- 6:46 For behold, He suffereth the pains of all men, Yea, the pains of every living creature - both men and women and children - which belong to the family of Adam;
- 6:47 And He suffereth this that the resurrection might pass upon all men, that all might stand before Him at the great and judgment day.



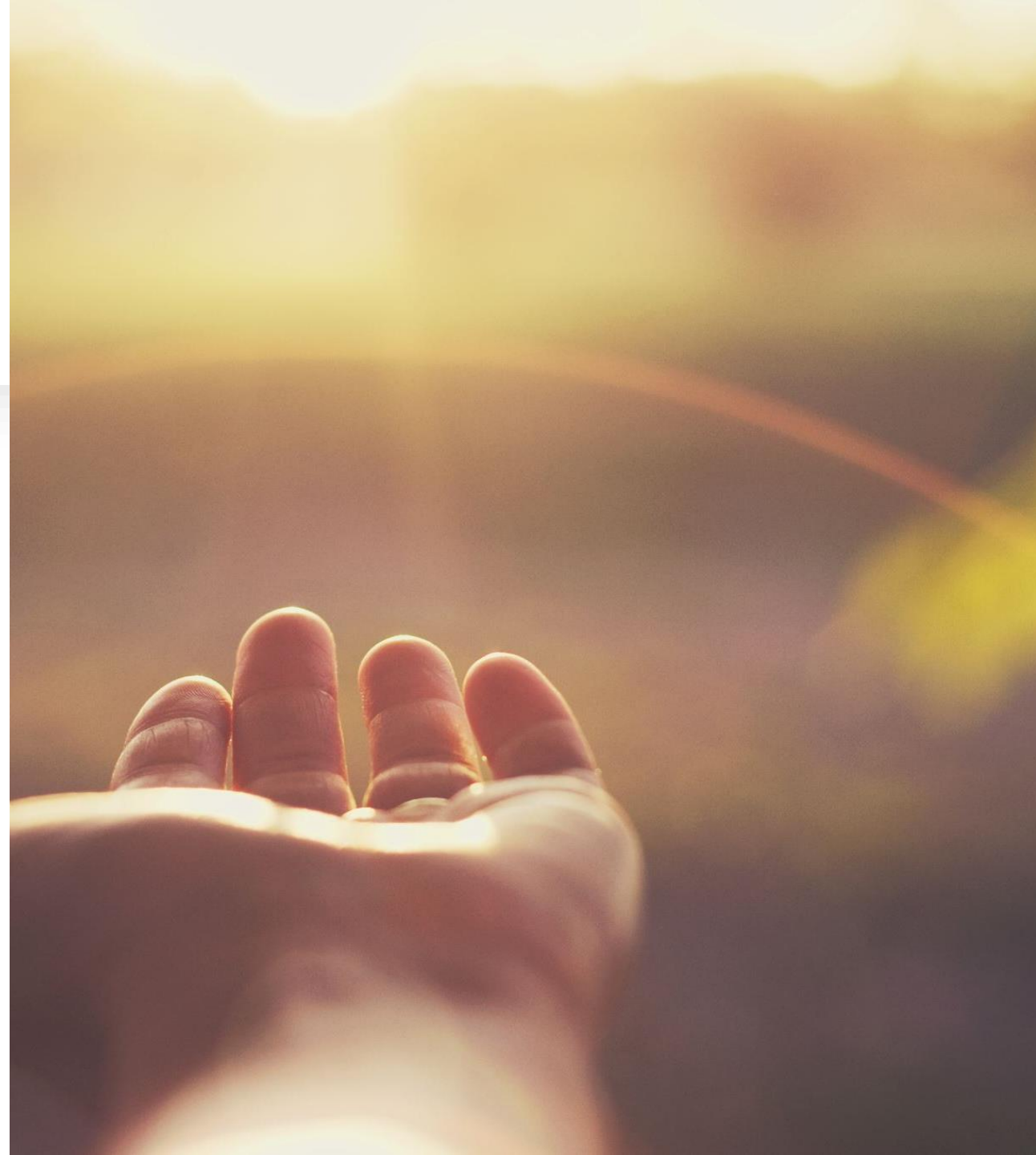
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Perfect “Faith”

- English meaning: belief
- Hebrew verb emunah (אמונה, pronounced “eh-moo-nah”) – “to act with firmness”



Faith (Hebrews 11:1)

Hebrews - Inspired
Version 11:1 Now faith is
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New Revised Standard
Version 11:1 Now faith is
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Perfect Faith

- It is in this description of perfect “faith” that we are called to recognize our conviction of the Lord moving in our life and then acting with firmness.

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50 For the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, hath spoken it.

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- 51 Wherefore, He hath given a law; And where there is no law given, there is no punishment;
- 52 And where there is no punishment, there is no condemnation;
- 53 And where there is no condemnation, the mercies of the Holy One of Israel hath claim upon them because of the atonement,
- 54 For they are delivered by the power of Him; For the atonement satisfieth the demands of His justice upon all those who hath not the law given to them, That they are delivered from that awful monster death and hell and the devil, And the lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment;



A panoramic view of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, featuring the Christ the Redeemer statue on Corcovado Mountain. The statue stands prominently on a rocky peak, overlooking the city and the bay. The city's dense urban landscape is visible in the foreground, with numerous buildings and green spaces. In the background, the bay is dotted with islands, and the mountains of the city are visible under a clear blue sky. The text "Christ's Mercy is for All" is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

Christ's Mercy is for All

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56 But wo unto him that hath the law given! Yea, that hath all the commandments of God, like unto us, and that transgresseth them and that wasteth the days of his probation, For awful is his state!

57 O that cunning plan of the evil one!

58 O the vainness and the frailties and the foolishness of men!

59 When they are learned, they think they are wise and they hearken not unto the counsel of God, For they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves;

60 Wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not; Wherefore, they shall perish;

61 But to be learned is good, if it so be that they hearken unto the counsels of God.

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72 And in fine, wo unto all they that die in their sins! for they shall return to God and behold His face and remain in their sins.

73 O my beloved brethren, remember the awfulness in transgressing against that Holy God! And also the awfulness of yielding to the enticings of that cunning one;

74 Remember - to be carnally - minded is death, and to be spiritually - minded is life eternal.

Read 75-82



Chapter 6

Finishes with Great Counsel

99 Come, my brethren: "Everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; And he that hath no money, come, buy and eat. Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

102 and feast upon that which perisheth not, neither can be corrupted: "And let your soul delight in fatness."

103 Behold, my beloved brethren, remember the words of your God - Pray unto Him continually by day and give thanks unto His holy name by night;

2 Nephi 7

Christ being born among the Jews and then crucified

Promises of Restoration of the House of Israel

Promises of the flourishing of the gentiles

2 Nephi 7

- 20 And he that fighteth against Zion shall perish, " saith God; "For he that raiseth up a king against Me shall perish,
- 21 For I, the Lord, the King of heaven, will be their king, And I will be a light unto them forever that hear My words.
- 29 – Gentiles shall be blessed
- 30 – This land will be consecrated unto the gentiles
- 31 – Choice land
- 32 – Everyone will worship God





**Covenants will be fulfilled
unto the children of men**



Merciful God

- 33 And now my beloved brethren, seeing that our merciful God hath given us so great knowledge concerning these things, Let us remember Him and lay aside our sins and not hang down our heads, for we are not cast off.



2 Nephi 7

- 40 Therefore, cheer up your hearts, And remember that ye are free to act for yourselves - to choose the way of everlasting death, or the way of eternal life;



Why is this
relevant for us
today?



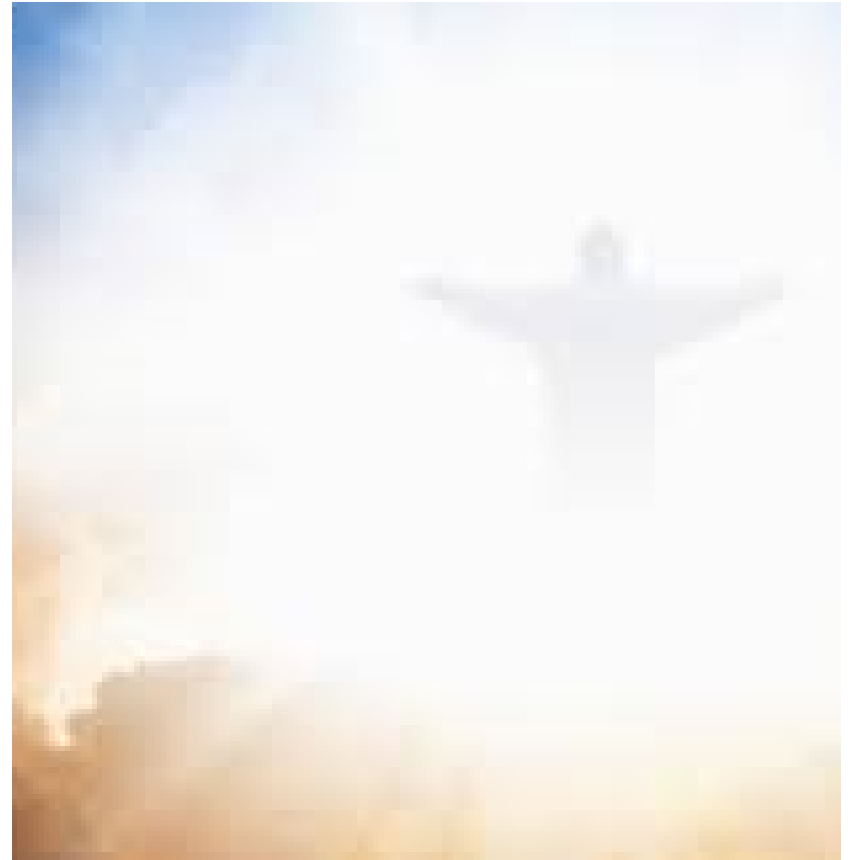
Dispells a Myth in Christianity

- The Christian saying that ‘there is nothing we have to do,’ is incorrect. Rather, it is that ‘there was nothing we could have done.’ What we are required to do is reconcile our will to Him, come in at the Gate by Him, and push forward for Him until the end.

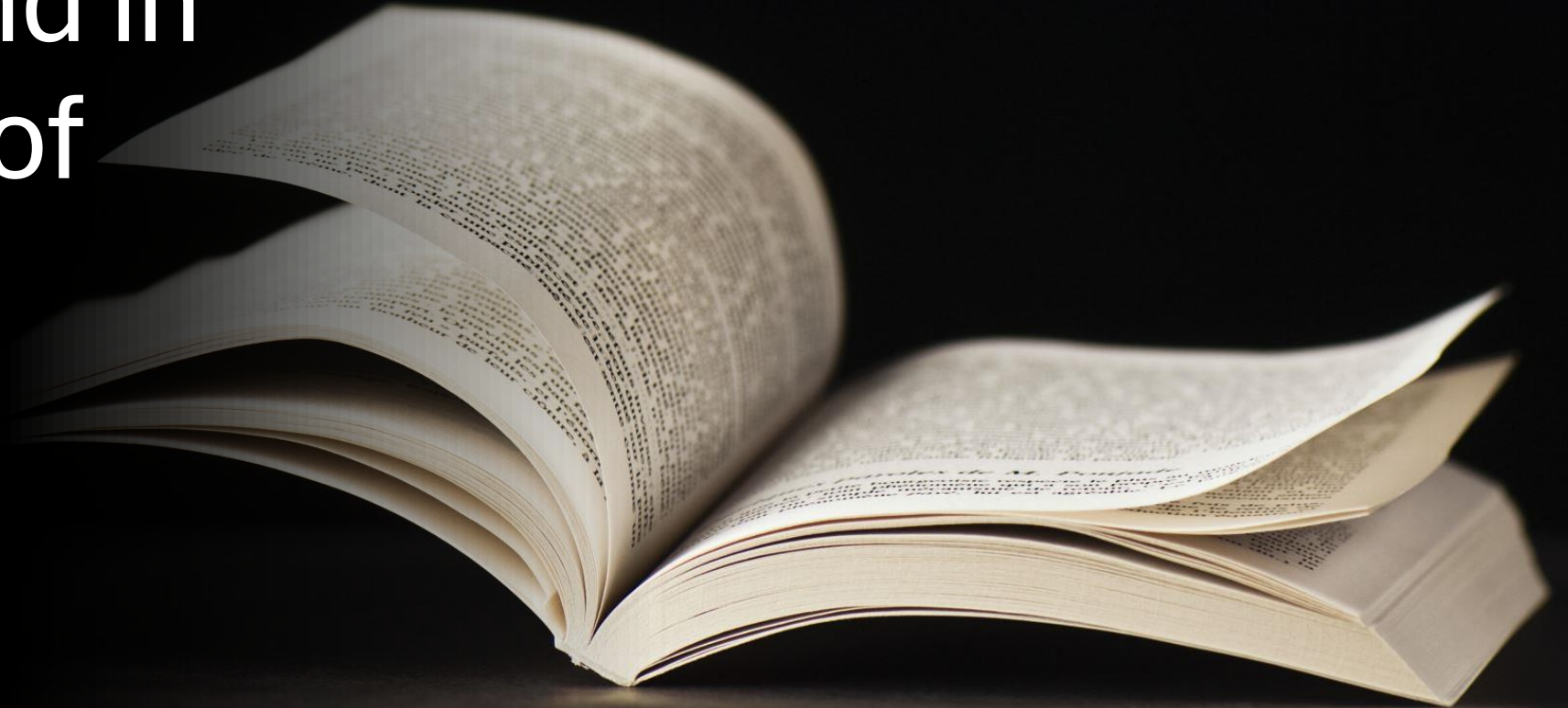


Plan of Salvation

- 41 Wherefore my beloved brethren, reconcile yourselves to the will of God and not to the will of the devil and the flesh.
- 42 And remember, that after ye are reconciled unto God, That it is only in and through the grace of God that ye are saved;
- 43 Wherefore, may God raise you from death by the power of the resurrection, And also from everlasting death by the power of the atonement,
- 44 That ye may be received into the eternal kingdom of God, That ye may praise Him through grace divine.
Amen.



Truth found in the Book of Mormon



2 Nephi 8

- 11 Yea, my soul delighteth in His grace and His justice and power and mercy, In the great and eternal plan of deliverance from death.
- 12 And my soul delighteth in proving unto my people that save Christ should come, all men must perish;
- 13 For if there be no Christ, there be no God; And if there be no God, we are not, for there could have been no creation;
- 14 But there is a God, And He is Christ, And He cometh in the fullness of His own time



Nephi continues to quote Isaiah – why?

- Christians see Isaiah's prophecies fulfilled in Jesus, finding relevance in the book.
- Through Jesus, they witness the mysteries of the kingdom revealed.
- Not all prophecies are fulfilled, making believers active participants in Isaiah's ongoing vision.



2 Nephi 8

- 17 The word that Isaiah, the son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
 - Isaiah prophesies about Judah and Jerusalem.
 - In the last days, the Lord's house will be established as the highest, attracting people from all nations.
 - People will seek instruction and guidance from the Lord in Jerusalem.
 - The Lord will bring judgment and peace among nations, leading to the transformation of weapons into tools of agriculture and an end to war.

2 Nephi 8:21-25

- Invitation to the house of Jacob to walk in the light of the Lord
- Acknowledgment of the people's straying into wicked ways
- Consequence of the Lord forsaking His people, the house of Jacob, due to their actions
- Description of their actions: seeking guidance from soothsayers, indulging in foreign customs
- Abundance of wealth, horses, chariots, and idols in their land
- Worship of idols made by their own hands
- Lack of humility among both common and influential individuals
- Consequence of not forgiving them



How does this apply to us today?

2 Nephi 8:26-31

- Warning to the wicked to seek refuge in rocks and dust from the fear and glory of the Lord's majesty
- Prediction of humbling of human pride and exaltation of the Lord
- Impending arrival of the day of the Lord of Hosts upon all nations, including the proud and lofty
- Mention of specific targets of the Lord's judgment: cedars of Lebanon, oaks of Bashan, high mountains, hills, nations, people, high towers, and fenced walls
 - This is the humbling of all men (we will know that God has moved)

Rest of Chapter 8 Summarized

- Warnings of impending judgment and destruction upon the wicked for their idolatry, pride, and oppression of the poor and needy.
- The Lord's condemnation of the people's hypocrisy and sinfulness, leading to their punishment and captivity.
- Prophecies of desolation and ruin, with specific mentions of the destruction of Jerusalem and Judah.
- Declarations of woe upon those who indulge in excesses, injustice, and moral perversion.
- Despite the impending judgment, the Lord will remain exalted in righteousness and sanctified in judgment.
- The Lord will gather nations to execute His judgment swiftly and decisively.
- The people's attempts to justify their wickedness will lead to their ultimate downfall and destruction.
- The continued anger of the Lord against His people for their disobedience and rebellion.

Next Reading

- Weekly Reading - II Nephi 9-10

