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Mosiah 1:93-109

93 For behold, I have things to tell you concerning that which is to come; and the things which I shall tell you are made known unto me by an angel from God.

94 And he said unto me, Awake; and I awoke, and behold, he stood before me.

95 And he said unto me, Awake, and hear the words which I shall tell thee; for behold, I am come to declare unto thee glad tidings of great joy.

96 For the Lord hath heard thy prayers, and hath judged of thy righteousness, and hath sent me to declare unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and that thou mayest declare unto thy people, that they may also be filled with joy.

97 For behold, the time cometh, and is not far distant, that with power, the Lord Omnipotent, who reigneth, who was and is from all eternity to all eternity, shall come down from heaven among the children of men, and shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay,

98 And shall go forth amongst men, working mighty miracles, such as healing the sick, raising the dead, causing the lame to walk, the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and curing all manner of diseases.

99 And he shall cast out devils, or the evil spirits, which dwell in the hearts of the children of men.

100 And lo, he shall suffer temptations, and pain of body, hunger, thirst, and fatigue, even more than man can suffer, except it be unto death;

101 For behold, blood cometh from every pore, so great shall be his anguish for the wickedness and the abominations of his people.

102 And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary.

103 And lo, he cometh unto his own, that salvation might come unto the children of men, even through faith on his name;

104 And even after all this, they shall consider him a man, and say that he hath a devil, and shall scourge him, and shall crucify him.

105 And he shall rise the third day from the dead; and behold, he standeth to judge the world.

106 And behold, all these things are done, that a righteous judgment might come upon the children of men.

107 For behold, and also his blood atoneth for the sins of those who have fallen by the transgression of Adam, who have died, not knowing the will of God concerning them, or who have ignorantly sinned.

108 But wo, wo unto him who knoweth that he rebelleth against God; for salvation cometh to none such, except it be through repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ.

109 And the Lord God hath sent his holy prophets among all the children of men to declare these things to every kindred, nation, and tongue, that thereby whosoever should believe that Christ should come, the same might receive remission of their sins and rejoice with exceeding great joy, even as though he had already come among them.

Mosiah 3:11-12

11 There is no other name given whereby salvation cometh; therefore, I would that ye should take upon you the name of Christ, all you that have entered into the covenant with God, that ye should be obedient unto the end of your lives.

12 And it shall come to pass that whosoever doeth this shall be found at the right hand of God, for he shall know the name by which he is called; for he shall be called by the name of Christ.

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BEFORE HIS LIFE ON EARTHJesus Christ was in the beginning with God: “And I, God, said unto mine Only Begotten, which
was with me from the beginning” (Genesis 1:27). “In the beginning was the gospel preached
through the Son. And the gospel was the word, and the word was with the Son, and the Son was with
God, and the Son was of God. The same was in the beginning with God” (John 1:1-2). Christ in
His prayer said, “And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with
thee before the world was” (John 17:5).
He shared in the creation. Though we recognize God as the Creator, for it was by His power that
creation was possible, we find that Christ shared in creation. Modern-day revelation tells us, “And
worlds without number have I created, and I also created them for mine own purpose; and by the
Son I created them, which is mine Only Begotten” (D&C 22:21c). This was apparently understood by
the writers in the first-century Church (see John 1:3; Colossians 1:16);

*[John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made which was made.*

*Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him and for him;]*

and Nephi records the words of
Christ: “Behold I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things
that in them are” (3 Nephi 4:44).
He chose to become the Savior (Genesis 3:3).

*[Genesis 3:3 But behold, my beloved Son, which was my beloved and chosen from the beginning, said unto me, Father, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever.]*

This fact was known by many of the prophets centuries before the coming of Jesus Christ. Jacob writes, “For this intent have we written these things, that they may know that we knew of Christ, and we had a hope of his glory many hundred years before his coming; and not only we, ourselves, had a hope of his glory, but also all the holy prophets which were before us” (Jacob 3:4).

HIS LIFE ON EARTHIn the meridian of time, Christ came to the earth and took upon Himself mortal life. His mission
was clear. He came to make it possible for men to come again into the presence of God, to make the
atonement (at-one-ment). Christ came to empower man: “As many as received him, to them gave he
power to become the sons of God; only to them who believe on his name” (John 1:12).
The mission of Christ is expressed in various ways in the Scriptures. He came to *[:]*

seek and save that which was lost (see Luke 19:10),

*[Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.]*

make everlasting life possible (John 3:16),

*[John 3:16-17
16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.]*

free men through truth (see John 8:31-32, 18:37),

*[John 8:31-32
31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*

*32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

*John 18:37
Pilate, therefore, said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice.]*

and give men abundant life (see John 10:10).

*[John 10:10 The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.]*

All of these are caught up in His overall purpose—leading men back to God.
The nature of the work of Christ was threefold. Basically, it was **apostolic**. He was a witness for truth, and His chief concern was for the souls of men. He was also **prophetic**. He was an inspired interpreter and revealer of the divine will. He looked not only at the past or present but to the future.
He was the **teacher**; He imparted much knowledge to His followers, dealt with the iniquity in their lives,
and challenged them to cleanliness. He was also an example to mankind, leaving these records of
His purpose: “I can of mine own self do nothing because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the
Father who hath sent me” (John 5:31); “I do always those things that please him” (John 8:29); and “Ye
shall observe to do the things which ye have seen me do” (Matthew 26:25).

**From “Commandments From the Scriptures, Second Edition”** – *[items in brackets have been added]*

**CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER (RIGHTEOUSNESS)**

1. Repent and offer a sacrifice of a broken heart and a contrite spirit (3 Nephi 4:49-50; 5:66; DC 59:2e; Psalm 51:17;34:18)
2. Purify your hearts; purge out iniquities (DC 85:20b; 43:3d; James 4:8; Psalm 65:3)
3. Be humble, not proud; beware of pride (Matthew 23:9; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6; 2 Chronicles 7:14; DC 105:5a; 38:9a-b; 42:12a; Alma 3:50; 10:6-7; 18:14)
4. Sanctify yourselves (DC 85:18b; 108:2a; Leviticus 11:44; 20:7; 1 Peter 3:15; 3 Nephi 12:33)
5. Deny self of all ungodliness and worldly lust and be perfect (Matthew 5:50; 16:25-27; 3 Nephi 5:92; Moroni 10:29-30; DC 67:3c; Genesis 17:1)
6. Reconcile yourselves to the will of God and submit yourselves to God (2 Nephi 7:41-42; Mosiah 1:119-120; James 4:7)
7. Forsake the world and all evil; cleave not good (DC 53:2a; 95:3a; 128:8b-c; Moroni 10:27; Romans 12:9; 1 John 2:15)
8. Be anxiously engaged in a good cause; being to pass much righteousness (DC 58:6d)
9. Be willing and obedient (DC 27:2b; 64:7a-b; Deuteronomy 4:30-31; 1 Nephi 7:66-69; Mosiah 3:11)
10. Be diligent and wise (DC 117:14; Mosiah 2:44-45; Joshua 22:5; Matthew 10:14)
11. Be meek and lowly of heart (Alma 10:28; 17:66-67; Moroni 7:49-50; 1 Peter 3:4; Psalms 12:1; 25:9; 37:11;147:6)
12. Be merciful (Luke 6:36; DC 119:7dd; Alma 19:78)
13. Be holy (1 Peter 1:16; Moroni 10:29-30; DC 46:9b)
14. Be strong and of good courage (Joshua 1:9; Ephesians 6:10-11; DC 38:4c; 1 Nephi 1:100)
15. Be one (DC 38:6a; 51:2b;John 17:20-23; 3 Nephi 9:23,30)
16. Be temperate in all things (Alma 18:13; DC 11:4b; 2 peter 1:5-8)
17. Be patient in long suffering and afflications (Alma 12:19; 16:239; DC 23:4b; 54:3; 66:5b; Colossians 1:10-11)
18. Be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works (Mosiah 3:21; Alma 5:41; Ether 5:4; Matthew 24:11; DC 83:9b)
19. Be faithful (1 Nephi 1:76; 2 Nephi 1:123; DC 6:9b; 1 Corinthians 4:2)
20. *[Love God with all your heart soul and mind (Matthew 22:36; Deuteronomy 6:5; Mark 12:35-36; Luke 10:27-28; Moroni 10:29; DC 59:2a-b)]*
21. *[Love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:38; 7:21; 19:19; Genesis 7:40; James 2:8; 1 John 4:21; DC 1:2e)]*