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WORD PORTRAITS

FROM THIRD NEPHI

with sketches by Goff Dowding



1. Jesus said, Now I go to show myself unto the lost tribes of Israel, but as he looked about he beheld tears in their eyes and with compassion he said, Have ye any that are sick or lame among you? Bring them hither and I will heal them, for I see that your faith is sufficient. He then commanded that their little children should be brought, and he took them one by one and blessed them. No tongue can speak, neither can there be written by any man the things we both saw and heard Jesus speak. (Chapter 17, v. 4 to 21.)



3. These were the names of those Jesus had chosen, and they did pray for that which they most desired—that the Holy Ghost be given unto them. When they had thus prayed, they went down to the water, and Nephi was baptized; then he baptized all those whom Jesus had chosen; when they came up out of the water, they were filled with the Holy Ghost and were circled about with fire from heaven, and angels did minister unto them. Jesus descended in their midst, commanding that they should kneel and pray, and his countenance did shine upon them and behold they were white, even there could be nothing on the earth so white. (Chapter 19, v. 1 to 31.)



2. Jesus commanded his disciples that they should bring forth bread and wine unto him. He broke the bread, blessed it, and said, "Unto all those who believe and are baptized in my name shall ye always do, even as I have done, in remembrance of my body. And it shall be a testimony unto the Father that ye do always remember me." He blessed the wine, and they partook. "This ye do in remembrance of my blood, which I shed for you. And if ye do always remember me ye shall have my Spirit to be with you." (Chapter 18.)



4. Jesus commanded that the multitude and the disciples should stand and cease to pray. He then gave them bread to eat and wine to drink and said, "Your works and the works which shall be wrought among you hereafter shall come forth from the Gentiles unto your seed, which shall dwindle into unbelief because of iniquity, also that the Father may show forth his power unto the Gentiles, that they may know of the true points of my doctrine. Therefore, give heed to my words and write them and according to the time and the will of the Father, they shall go forth unto the Gentiles." (Chapter 21, v. 1 to 6; chapter 23, v. 4.)

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