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Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 5

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Abstract: Monthly Book of Mormon lessons for adult women (Relief Society). Each month a verse of Book of Mormon scripture is presented with accompanying quotes from General Authorities and writers of the Church.

above you, which are built up to get power and gain—and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be (Ether 8:21-23).

Solicitous of our welfare today, Moroni warns us that these secret combinations are built up to “overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil” (Ether 8:25). He begs us

to avoid them and to do good continually. What a powerful message from The Book of Mormon to our day and time.

Questions for Discussion

1. To what can we attribute the loss of liberty of the Jaredites?
2. What does Moroni say about secret combinations?
3. Point out the two contrasts in living (Ether 10:28 and 11:6, 7).
4. Apply the message of this lesson to our day and time.

Visiting Teacher Messages

Book of Mormon Gems of Truth

Lesson 5—“There Is Nothing Which Is Good Save It Comes From the Lord; and That Which Is Evil Cometh From the Devil” (Omni 25).

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Objective: To show that it is not just to hold God accountable for the wicked state of the world.

THERE are two forces in the world—good and evil. All that is good, we are told, comes from God, and all that is evil, from Satan. From the beginning man has been exposed to these two influences—on the one hand that of love and mercy, emanating from God, and, on the other hand, the spirit of the adversary, which fosters hatred, envy, and greed.

Many perplexing questions can be answered if we ponder this clear-cut statement from the Book of Mormon. From it we understand that God is not accountable for the wickedness in the world. True, we live in an environment where both

good and evil are present, to the end that we may choose for ourselves the one or the other, for that is a necessary part of this earth-life, but the Lord does not bring about evil, is not the author of wickedness.

Some ask, “Why does God permit war to be waged among the nations of the earth? Why does God allow all forms of wickedness and corruption to continue in the world?” God allows these things because he does not force men to live righteously. Much as he would like to see all mankind living nobly, it is not God’s plan to force the human mind and will. Man brings

about war. Man brings about all the accumulation of wickedness that exists in our midst through exercising his free agency.

Some people blame God for the sorrow and bitterness that come into their lives. It is not just to do so. Much of the suffering we bear is of our own making. When we break natural laws, we suffer the natural penalties. When we disobey the commandments of God, we suffer the inevitable consequences. Accepting the fact that every individual has been granted freedom of choice, let us strive to resist evil and cling with determination to the ways of God, for therein surely lies happiness, here and hereafter.

We hear it often said, "The world is all right, it's the people in it that make all the trouble." How true this is. The physical features of the world are beautiful to behold, but man brings ugliness to this lovely setting God has prepared for us, because he hearkens to the enticings of Satan.

But right will ultimately triumph over wrong. Virtue will be victorious over vice. This fact makes suffering and the overcoming of difficulties worthwhile and glorious. Thus progression is made possible. Every individual has the power, if he so determines, to make his life conform to righteousness and reap the resultant blessings.

Work Meeting—Sewing

THE ART OF MENDING

(A Course for Optional Use by Wards and Branches at Work Meeting)

Lesson 5—Mending Woolens

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(Textbook: *The Complete Book of Sewing*, by Constance Talbot.)

THE best over-all rule for mending woolens is to simulate the weave of the cloth as nearly as possible in making the mend. A plain weave hand darn is the best way to mend most small tears or cuts in wool material. To do this the best thread to use is that of the cloth itself. If possible, draw a thread from the hem or side seam or inside of the pocket and use it for darning.

When cloth has been torn or cut, the mend will be stronger if some reinforcement is added on the underneath side. Use either a piece of the same material or some thin fabric as nearly the same as possible.

To darn a straight tear in wools, start and finish about one-quarter inch beyond the tear. With matching thread and a fine needle, stitch back and forth across the tear on