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Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 6

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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.

Fools mock, but they shall mourn; and my grace is sufficient for the meek, that they shall take no advantage of your weakness; And if men come unto me I will show unto them their weakness. I give unto men weakness that they may be humble (Ether 12:26, 27).

Having heard these words, Moroni was comforted. Speaking to the Savior, he continued:

And now I know that this love which thou hast had for the children of men is charity; wherefore, except men shall have charity they cannot inherit that place which thou hast prepared in the mansions of thy Father. Wherefore, I know by this thing which thou hast said, that if the Gentiles have not charity, because of our weakness, thou wilt prove them, and take away their talent (Ether 12:35).

And Moroni prayed unto the Lord that he would give charity unto the gentiles.

Regarding the second virtue, hope, Moroni writes little, stressing chiefly that "man must hope, or he cannot receive an inheritance in the place which thou [God] hast prepared" (Ether 12:32).

Moroni concludes this long interpolation in his history of the Jaredites by bidding farewell to the gentiles, by testifying that he has seen the Christ, and by giving the gentiles grave admonitions:

And now I would commend you to seek this Jesus of whom the prophets and apostles have written, that the grace of God the Father, and also the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, which beareth record of them, may be and abide in you forever. Amen (Ether 12:41).

This twelfth chapter of the Book of Ether thus becomes a new witness that Jesus is the Christ, and presents a strong appeal for the gentiles of the last days to give credence to this noble message.

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you have sympathy for Coriantumr in his repentance?
2. How were prophecies concerning Coriantumr literally fulfilled in this lesson?
3. What is Moroni's view of the three cardinal principles of the gospel?
4. What were the teachings of Ether concerning the history of the world? (See Ether 13.)

Visiting Teacher Messages

Book of Mormon Gems of Truth

Lesson 6—"Now It Is Better That a Man Should Be Judged of God Than of Man, for the Judgments of God Are Always Just, but the Judgments of Man Are not Always Just" (Mosiah 29:12).

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Objective: To show that we should refrain from judging each other.

IT seems to be a very common trait in human beings, freely to pass judgment upon our fellow men. King Mosiah, in speaking to his

people gave us the kernel of thought on this subject and the indisputable reason why we, as mortals, are not competent to judge. Whereas the

judgments of God are always just, he tells us, the judgments of man are not always so, and this is sufficient reason why we should not judge each other. This reason disqualifies us as rightful judges.

Being human and subject to the weaknesses and prejudices of human nature, our opinions are likely to be biased, we are prone to make mistakes. And being able to view conditions and problems only with limited vision, seeing only what appears on the surface, we have no right to assume the role of judge of our fellow men. Our judgment may be faulty because our wisdom and knowledge are faulty. But God can pass unerring judgment because he can read the human heart, he knows the motives of individuals, and can see all sides of a situation. Someone has said, "We judge others by their actions, ourselves by our intentions."

There is an old adage which reads: "People in glass houses should not throw stones." In a sense, we all live in glass houses, for no one of us is free from sin in some degree. Because this is true, we

have not the right to throw disparaging stones at others. Dr. Alsaker said, "We should be lenient in our judgment because often the mistakes of others would have been ours had we had the opportunity to make them."

And this verse has much truth to ponder:

How leniently our own faults we view,
And conscience's voice adeptly smother;
Yet, oh, how harshly we review
The selfsame failings in another.

—ANON.

It is true that in our present social structure, those who have broken the law must be dealt with in the courts, and men must be judged of men, because that is the only way open to us. Moreover the Lord himself has designated certain offices in his Church which carry the power of judgeship; but in our daily contacts with each other, let us withhold judgment of our fellow men.

When our life's deeds are weighed, one will surely be there who has known our innermost thoughts and desires, one will pass judgment who is a perfect Judge.

Work Meeting—Sewing

THE ART OF MENDING

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

Lesson 6—Mending Men's Suits

Jean Ridges Jennings

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

A homemaker can confidently attempt many of the simpler repairs and alterations in men's suits

and coats. In addition, much suit saving can be done by guarding against wear. And the day of mend-